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ARSON.

Sudden Outbreak of Incendiarism.

The Plot to Blow Up the Building on Clark Street.

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It Is Submitted to the Council by the Mayor.

A Motion Made to Repeal the New Fire-Limits Ordinance.

Gen. Sheridan on the Fire-Marshal Question.

Last Thursday THE TRIBUNE called attention to the singular prevalence of fires occurring under suspicious circumstances, and suggested that they must be the work of incendiaries. It also stated exclusively that Assistant-Superintendent Hickey was paying special attention to the subject, and was closely following several persons who were suspected of arson. The suspicions then expressed have been fully confirmed by the occurrence of two fires due to incendiaries, and the arrest of the perpetrators. It is now to be hoped that the prompt and severe punishment which will follow will deter others from attempting to go into this business.

The Clark street case may be set down as due to the practice of over-insuring, which in this instance does not seem to have been done with disreputable companies. Several insurance men admitted that it was a pretty clear case, but they fell back on the declaration that it was impossible for a company to keep track of the stocks it insures, and that in so large a city as this a man could sell all his goods at auction, or dart them off, without its coming to the knowledge of the agent who did the insuring. So long as the character of the insured was good, there was no reason for perpetual scrutiny. An insurance man who has known Staaden for twenty years says his character was always good, and that the statements concerning his incendiary proclivities are untrue. He asserts his stock was worth all it was insured for when insured; that the companies insuring him did not solicit his business, and regarded him as a good risk.

THE FIRST REGULARLY-ORGANIZED ATTEMPT

at wholesale incendiarism, this season, was discovered at No. 191 Lake street, by Officer Waters, on the night of July 5. Several butter tubs, filled with kerosene oil, and about thirty-five pounds of gunpowder, were judiciously placed beneath the floors of the concern, and a train was regularly laid, so that an explosion of terrible consequences was designed. Fortunately, as in the Staaden case, the discovery was made in time to drevent a catastrophe, although scant time was left to save the premises. The Fire-Patrol, under Capt. Bullwinkle, were on the ground with creditable promptness, and discovered the "gunpowder plot" in a moment. On the following day, Abraham and Isaac Robinson were arrested on charge of having concocted the crime, had a hearing before Justice Boyden and were held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

NICHOLAS STAADEN.

This is the wretch whose well-laid plans would have enveloped the North Division in flames on Sunday night but for an accident and the vigilance of the two Sergeants, Gerbing and Hathaway, of the Chicago Avenue Police Station. With such a gale of wind as prevailed Sunday morning, and such a villainously detailed scheme for the destruction of the building occupied by the incendiary, it is little short of marvelous that the fire was extinguished without loss of life among the policemen and firemen, and a vast loss of property on the North Side. The elements favored the malicious avarice of the incendiary; the vigilance and promptitude of the city's officers prevented a catastrophe. What an individual planned, discipline and courage frustrated; the scoundrel who contemplated the deed is in custody awaiting trial; the officers deserve the utmost praise.

In the rear part of the basement is a stable where Staaden kept two horses, which were removed Sunday afternoon. Everything in the building, with the above exception, remained untouched, the beds on the second floor not having been made, and the general appearance of the rooms indicating that the effects had not been disturbed.

THE ALARM

came from Box 736 at 12:58 yesterday morning, as reported in the last issue, and First Assistant Fire-Marshal Sweenie and a steamer happened to be passing on the return from the fire on Elston avenue. But for this fact the fire would have gained such headway as to have destroyed all vestiges of the diabolical plot. While the fire was burning briskly on the north side of the building, and had not been entirely quenched on the opposite side, where the powder lay, firemen, policemen, and reporters were in and out. The water poured so fast from the ceiling as to render it difficult to get about the store, and it was not until the water stopped flowing that Sergt. Hathaway

BEGAN TO INVESTIGATE.

He first observed the half-burned barrel of resin on the north side, where the fire did the most damage, and expressed the opinion that an incendiary had been at work. He searched further, when the water had drained off the floor, and discovered the plot, it being then about 3 o'clock in the morning.

Staaden was not about the store at the time of the fire, nor could he be found by the TRIBUNE reporter, who made numerous inquiries for him.

CLOSELY ADJOINING

the building of Staaden on the north is a row of three and four story brick structures, used as stores and dwellings. A vacant lot intervenes on the south side between the burned building and a brick block.

CHIEF DETECTIVE DIXON

gave the matter his personal attention early yesterday morning, and Sergt. Hathaway found Staaden at 10 o'clock, and arrested him. He gave bail in the sum of $4,000, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon was rearrested on complaint of Capt. Gund and Sergts. Hathaway and Gerbing, who swore out a warrant charging him with attempted murder, in placing gunpowder on his premises and firing it while complainants and others were in the burning building. The prisoner was lodged in a cell in the Chicago Avenue Station.

Dixon has made a complete diagram of the place and the plot, and it will be of great value on the trial of the prisoner.

THIS IS THE SIXTH TIME

that Staaden's premises have been fired, and he has obtained such a bad reputation in the matter of incendiarism that he was called by his neighbors the North Side Fire-Marshal. When the fire was under way, remarks were made in the crowd which resembled that the prisoner had set fire to his place to obtain the heavy insurance, which many seemed to know he had.

ON EXAMINING THE BUILDING

it was found that the occupant and owner, Mr. Staaden had laid his plans with the greatest care. The building itself is a one-story frame structure, 25 feet frontage, with a depth of 85 feet. On the front portion is built a second story of wood, some 30 feet deep. In the rear a brick addition, one story high, has been made. The interior of the shell thus made is partitioned from the brick building only by a frame wall. On either side of the building, as seen by the accompanying cut, run the counters. West of them is a pile of cook-stoves. The same utensils fill the space between the two counters. The condition of affairs as examined by a reporter was this: Behind the counter on the south side was a stove standing about 3 feet high. Adjacent to it, and connected with a candle burning in the stove, was a barrel of resin, the connection being formed by a train of rags saturated with benzine Another train of rags saturated with benzine led from the stove to a mass of

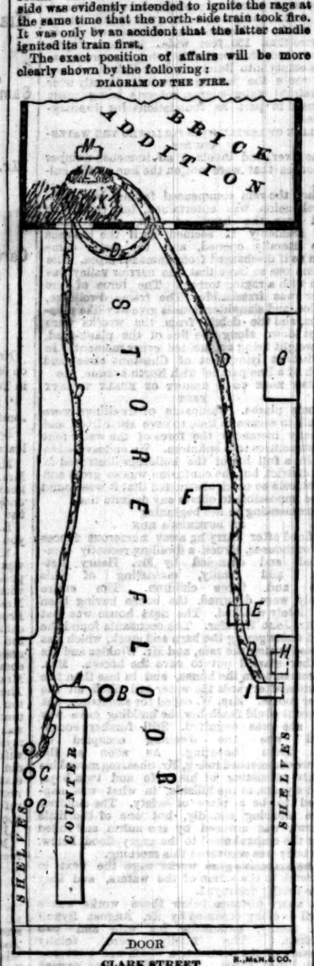
65 POUNDS OF GUNPOWDER,

resting upon the train was a keg of 25 pounds, with a hole bored into it about half an inch from the bottom, the hole fitted with a fuse of paper saturated in benzine. Adjoining it was another keg of powder with a hole in it, and some loose powder spread on the top and a package of six pounds wrapped up in paper. Leading from this magazine was another train of rags saturated with benzine, leading in aline, 60 feet long, to a window in the partition between the brick addition and the frame building. The rag train was lost in a pile of kindling-wood, and emerged from it again to lead into a bundle of straw, through which it ran into a pile of resin half-buried in straw.

Following the rags, the examiner traced them through a window on the north side of the partition, along the north side of the store, behind the north counter. The cunning incendiary had removed two traps leading into the basement, in order to supply a good draught. Another train led down one of these traps, while the original led to a second stove, corresponding with the first. Adjoining this was another barrel of resin. The candle in the stove on the south side was evidently intended to ignite the rags at the same time that the north-side train took fire. It was only by an accident that the latter candle ignited its train first.

The exact position of affairs will be more clearly shown by the following:

DIAGRAM OF THE FIRE.



a. Stove containing a candlestick with burning candle and kerosene around it.
b. Keg filled with resin, made open.
c c. Two larger and one smaller kegs of powder with holes bored through. On the top of the smaller keg a paper with about half a pound of powder. Powder strewn on the floor and kerosene poured about.
d d. Rags sewed together and saturated with kerosene.
e. Opening in floor where the fire broke through from beneath. Ceiling overhead torn off.
f. Another such hole, to afford draught.
g. Floor-scuttle, left open.
h h. Hardware wrapped in straw, saturated with kerosene.
i. Open box partly filled with resin.
k. Double pile of kindling, about half a cord.
l. Two bundles of straw.
m. Open box partly filled with resin.

The resin, counter, and fixtures on the north side blazed first; the train failed to act with sufficient dispatch, and was saturated with water by the firemen before communicating with the other side.

THE FIRE BURNED THROUGH

the ceiling of the front of the store, however, and burned from there to the roof. In going up-stairs the reporter ascended by a stairway in the rear of the building. He crossed on the roof, covered with tin, and entered

THE UPPER STORY,

built on the front of the store. The first apartment contained little or no furniture. On the south side was a closet, filled with feminine attire---a very young woman's dresses, straw-hat, and other things. Sergt. Gerbing pounced out an irregular hole cut in the wall at the south end of the closet, and communicating with the clapboards of the house. This had been thoroughly saturated with benzine or kerosene, and the liquid, in pouring it about, had permeated the clapboards and appeared on the exterior of the building.

A SIMILAR HOLE

had been cut on the north side of the parlor, and had been rendered inflammable with kerosene. The front parlor contained nothing but a piano. The roof had been burned through, and was considerably charred. The apartments themselves were but little injured. The flames had evidently followed a train of rags, and been carried up to the roof in this way.

THE THEORY OF THE POLICE,

as the condition of the buildings warrants, is this: The plot was laid Sunday morning. The candles were lighted in the two stoves about 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Staaden then went out driving, and did not return until 8 o'clock, by which time the building would have been reduced to a cinder but for the timely interference of the firemen and police officers.

A reporter yesterday afternoon

VISITED MR. N. STAADEN

in his cell in the Chicago Avenue Station. The prisoner is a man 55 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches in height, and weighs about 200 pounds. He has gray hair, is well-dressed, and has a highly respectable, not to say venerable, appearance. He professes to speak very little English, but made himself intelligible, except when important questions were asked, when he adopted a mixture of German and English extremely exasperating to every right-minded and inquiring interviewer. The conversation was about as follows:

Reporter---Have you anything to say, Mr. Staaden?

Mr. Staaden---I don't know anything about the matter. I was not in the city when the fire occurred. I went out at 2 o'clock and returned this morning.

Reporter---Did you take your family with you?

Mr. Staaden---I have no family. My daughter is in Michigan, and I sent my son after her.

THE POWDER.

Reporter---How do you account for the powder in your store?

Mr. Staaden---I have a license to sell powder, and when I keep it in the store they charge me with murder.

Reporter---Very sad, no doubt. Do you sell anything besides hardware?

Mr. Staaden---I sell guns, and pistols, and powder, and shot, and everything of that kind. Now they commence on me like a robber.

Reporter---You are accused of being an incendiary by profession. Have you ever burned down a house before?

Mr. Staaden---I own nine houses and have rented them to other people. When they get burned people come to me and say I did it.

THE LAST LOSS.

Reporter---When did you last lose a house by fire?

Mr. Staaden---In the great fire three years ago; then I was burned out. I know nothing about this matter. I went out at 2 o'clock and came back this morning at half-past 8.

Reporter---Then you mean to say that in your absence some malicious and fiendish person entered your store, and, without hoping in any way to gain by it, laid certain well-oiled rags, and connected them with gunpowder, kindling-wood, and resin; and that this person knew the exact hour at which you went out; knew, moreover, that you would not return until 8 o'clock this morning; and was otherwise posted in your affairs. This is your theory of defense, is it?

TOTALLY IGNORANT.

Mr. Staaden---I do not know anything about it. I was out of town after 2 o'clock. That is all I know.

Reporter---You say you had a license to sell powder. How much were you allowed to keep on your premises at a time?

Mr. Staaden---I bought it at a wholesale house. They had fifteen kegs there. I got one keg.

Reporter---How much powder do you keep, any way?

Mr. Staaden---I can't tell you how much. I get a keg when I want it.

Reporter---You had here two kegs.

Mr. Staaden---Yes; I filled up one keg, and that made two kegs.

Reporter---And that was all?

Mr. Staaden---Yes, that was all.

CANNOT UNDERSTAND.

Reporter---And how came that package in paper?

Mr. Staaden---I do not understand you.

Reporter---Where did that package of powder come from?

Mr. Staaden---I had a keg in the store, and I filled it up.

Reporter---How came the holes in the keg?

Mr. Staaden---I do not understand you.

Reporter---Of course not. What was the latest hour at which you were in the store?

Mr. Staaden---At 2 o'clock I took my horses and went to Lincoln Park, and there I met the Captain. Then I went and got some beer, and took a drink. Then I met Mr. Thomas Shirley and talked with him about collecting about $10,000 due me, and asked him to collect it, and had a glass of wine. Then I drove out to Lake View, and met Mr. Folz, the jailer. Then I went to Sunnyside, and had something to drink. When I was there I thought I would drive out to Rosehill, where my wife is buried, and see her, but Mr. —— said it was too late, so I stayed at Sunnyside and had some beer. The storm came up, and I drank and drank.

Reporter---What made you drink so much?

Mr. Staaden---I was a little nervous.

HIS PROPERTY.

Reporter---You are said to be a man of property.

Mr. Staaden---Oh, nonsense; I do not own anything,---not now. I did once, but now---

Reporter---You are said to be worth $15,000.

Mr. Staaden---A few months ago I would not have sold for $50,000, but real estate is so dull I don't think I could get half that.

Reporter---You own nine houses, you say.

Mr. Staaden---All burned.

Reporter---You own the real estate.

Mr. Staaden---What can I get for that? Next to nothing. Business is very bad. When I want to buy, real estate is very high; when I want to sell it is very low.

INSURANCE.

Reporter---You had your stock, which was worth a good deal, and your insurance. How much was your insurance?

Mr. Staaden---I do not know.

Reporter---On your stock?

Mr. Staaden---Oh, that was $7,000.

Reporter---In what company?

Mr. Staaden---In the Hamburg, of Bremen.

Reporter---And on your furniture?

Mr. Staaden---Two thousand dollars, in the Underwriters', Mr. Lloyd's agency.

Reporter---And you are a much-abused person?

Mr. Staaden---I don't know anything about it. The insurance actually was $15,800, in the following good companies: Ætna, $5,000 on building, $500 on fixtures, and $800 on wearing apparel of his daughter; Lycoming, $2,500 on building; Hamburg, of Bremen, $2,500 on stock, and the Underwriter's, Niagara, and Rochester German, $1,500 each, on stock.

EXPERTS

have examined the premises and report the value of the building, stock, furniture, and personal property to be less than $6,000. The piano is said to be separately insured. It is in no way damaged.

THE BUILDING

was one of those erected since 1871 in the fire-limits, and was destined to removal any way. It is very little hurt by the fire, and but for its illegal construction could be repaired under the ordinance.

THE MOTIVE.

It is difficult to imagine what could have induced Staaden to do what he did. The loss would have been by an explosion, not by fire, and he would not have recovered anything from the insurance companies, his policies being vitiated any way by the fact of his keeping powder on his premises without the permission. He must have known that his act would have resulted in the loss of scores of lives, and the destruction of much property; and yet, according to all probabilities, he deliberately prepared this infernal device. All who have known him, with few exceptions, are astonished, and declare it is contrary to the tenor of his whole life, though Ald. Peter Mahr, who states that he has known Staaden for more than a dozen years, when interrogated by a TRIBUNE reporter yesterday relative to the incendiary attempt made by that individual, stated that Staaden, since before the, fire has borne a very unenviable character, and that his neighbors have long looked upon him as being a dangerous man. Nobody that knows his past history, the Alderman said, has much, if any, doubt about the man's guilt. His place has been so often on fire that the name of Staaden became a synonym for conflagration on the North Side. Mr. Mahr, personally, appeared to consider that Staaden ought to be summarily dealt with.

THE ANDERSON CASE.

There seems to be a mania among a certain class for the committing of arson, as shown by a later attempt to fire a building, which, however, only partially succeeded. The alarm was given at 7:45 o'clock yesterday morning, from Box 76, and it was occasioned by fire in the two-story frame building No. 217 Portland avenue, in the southeastern section of the city. The flames were extinguished before any considerable damage resulted, and in so doing it was discovered that a candle 3 feet in length had been placed amidst a pile of paper and kindlings, on the ground, immediately beneath, and a foot and a half from, the floor. A space about 7 feet by 10 was burned in the floor before the fire was discovered. The very evident intention was to use the candle as a slow match. The first floor was occupied by

OSCAR ANDERSON,

an employe at Cornell, whose wife and children were absent in the country. Another family occupied the upper or second floor. Anderson left the house for his work at 4:30 o'clock in the morning, leaving the key with the people up-stairs. Capt. Hickey was informed of the matter, and Sergt. Fitzpatrick, of the Twenty-second Street Station immediately started in pursuit of Anderson, and found him at Cornell, took him in custody and locked him up in the above-mentioned station. On searching the premises, clothing was found which makes it almost certain that Anderson is the person who attempted to burn the house. A pair of canvas slippers, covered with mud and lime; a pair of pantaloons with lime on the knees and an old hat, told too plainly that the wearer had

CRAWLED UNDER THE HOUSE,

laid the plot, and lighted the candle, which he knew would not burn down until he was a long distance off. In crawling under the building he soiled his clothes.

Anderson is insured, but the family above him is not. The prisoner will probably be examined this morning.

C. F. W. BEHL.

As stated Sunday, Watchman Smith, of Turner Hall, discovered fire in C. F. W. Behl's tailor shop, No. 288 South Clark street, at 12 o'clock Saturday night. Within he found a kerosene lamp burning, and near by a pile of old garments saturated with kerosene, a half-gallon can nearly empty standing by. The flames were smothered and Behl was arrested on suspicion of incendiarism. He says the lamp exploded, while those who entered affirm that it was burning naturally, and that the fire was in the clothing.

Behl was brought before Justice Boyden yesterday morning, and held to bail in the sum of $1,000 for further examination to-day.

INSURANCE.

The situation at the insurance offices remains about the same as Saturday. While the incendiary fire on the North Side yesterday morning has somewhat agitated them, they think the fire at the oil-warehouse rather a benefit than otherwise, showing the wrong of tolerating such establishments within the city limits. The Committee appointed last Friday held no meetings, as predicted in Sunday's TRIBUNE, the insurance men not believing the citizens on those committees to be in earnest. Thus far eleven companies are said to have temporarily withdrawn from doing business in this city. The Lorrillard of New York has permanently withdrawn, and has given orders to have all its policies in this city annulled. The National Board companies are anxiously awaiting the action of the Common Council, and, in the event of non-compliance with their demands, they will undoubtedly withdraw from the city, as will be seen by the following record of the proceedings of the meeting of the

NATIONAL BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS,

held in regard to Chicago fire matters in New York City on the 21st and 24th insts.:

At a meeting of the Provisional Committee of this Board, held on the 21st inst., a report having been presented upon the condition of the Chicago Fire Department, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to prepare in form the requirements to be presented to the authorities of Chicago as a prerequisite for the continuance of business there by the companies of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Resolved, That a full meeting of the Executive Committee be convened at these rooms, on the 24th inst., to receive and act upon the report of the said Special Committee.

Pursuant to the above, the Executive Committee met on the date named, when the following report of the Special Committee was submitted for consideration and action:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the report upon the Chicago Fire Department, after a careful examination of the same present for the action of the Executive Committee the following preambles and resolutions, as expressive of their sense of what is required for the protection of members of the National Board in the present emergency. They would simply add that none of the requirements in said resolutions are different from those in actual force in New York and other large cities of the Union.

On behalf of the Committee,

HENRY A. OAKLEY, Chairman.

New York, July 24, 1874.

WHEREAS, It appears from a report presented to the National Board of Fire Underwriters through its Executive Committee that the condition of the Fire Department of the City of Chicago, as to efficiency and reliability, is such as to cause alarm to the members of this Board who are engaged in the business of underwriting in that city; and

WHEREAS, The recent disastrous conflagrations have fully proved the necessity for greater and more immediate protections, safeguards, and guarantees to the property of that city; and

WHEREAS, It is evident that without these guarantees the business of fire insurance can no longer be prosecuted in said city without again endangering the capital of the companies insuring therein, and thereby entailing upon both stockholders and the public great loss; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the National Board of Fire Underwriters, with a view to a protection of its members from needless and overwhelming disaster, do hereby earnestly recommend all companies, members of the Board, to discontinue the business of fire insurance in the City of Chicago on and after the 1st day of October proximo, unless the following protections and reforms be at once instituted in said city:

First---The establishment of *permanent* fire-limits coextensive with the limits of the city, and the vesting in suitable persons the enforcement of the laws relating to the erection of wooden buildings, and the exclusion from the business districts of the city of such manufacturing and other establishments as endanger not only the property in such districts, but the safety of the entire city.

Second---The enactment of a stringent building law for the government of the city, and its thorough enforcement by a competent bureau, as in other cities, which law shall include requirements that all warehouses or stores shall be provided with proper iron shutters or doors to all front, rear, or side openings; that parapet or fire walls of such height (say 5 feet) shall be erected between the buildings as will prevent the rapid spread of fire; the prohibition of all Mansard roofs or stories or cupolas from buildings, unless they be constructed wholly of fire-proof material; and a regulation limiting the height of buildings to four stories, or 60 feet, unless the same be constructed wholly of fire-proof material.

Third---The complete reorganization of the Fire Department of the city, under the direction of a Board of Commissioners, or a competent head specially charged with its care; the eradication of political influence or favoritism from the Department; the introduction of a thorough and efficient military discipline among its members; the augmentation and improvement of its fire-apparatus; the organization within the Department of a corps of sappers and miners, to be trained in the use of explosives calculated to arrest conflagrations; and the introduction of floating engines for use upon the river and lake fronts.

Fourth---The immediate increase of the size and number of the water-mains and pipes, as well as fire-plugs, especially in localities where property is exposed by special hazards and rows of wooden buildings.

Fifth---The establishment of a Fire Marshal's Bureau, charged with investigation into the origin of all fires, and with power to secure the punishment of incendiaries.

Sixth---The passage of a law which shall secure the gradual removal of the lumber-yards and special hazards, which now threaten the city upon the southwest and northwest, to isolated localities, as well as the removal of the wooden buildings and unlawful structures now endangering valuable sections of the business part of the city.

On motion, the report was adopted unanimously, and the President of the Board was directed to forward a copy to the Mayor of the city of Chicago; and copies were also directed to be furnished to all National Board members.

THE CHICAGO BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS

held a meeting yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at their rooms, No. 127 LaSalle street. The demands of the National Board were discussed, but no action taken thereon. It was, however, resolved that after the 1st of August 1 per cent additional shall be charged on all brick buildings having no iron shutters on the windows and rear and side openings. Another meeting for the consideration of the National Board demands will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

IN THE COUNCIL.

The Common Council met last evening, President Dixon in the chair.

THE CIRCULAR OF THE BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

A communication was received from His Honor the Mayor, as follows:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the request of the National Board of Underwriters of the City of New York, I would respectfully submit to your honorable body a preamble and resolutions, with the report of a special committee, adopted July 24 by the Executive Committee of the National Board of Underwriters at New York, a copy of which I have received from the President of said Board, and which is herewith enclosed.

The resolutions contain some valuable suggestions, which I recommend to your favorable consideration. I do not doubt the disposition of the Common Council to adopt such measures as may be required to protect the city to the greatest possible extent against fire.

I would also recommend your honorable body to examine the conduct and practices of the different fire insurance companies and their agents in reference to the character and extent of risks taken by them in this city, and inquire if the risk of fire has not been greatly increased by such conduct and practices, particularly by the want of discrimination among different classes of risks, and by insuring in excess of the fair insurable value of property, thereby creating a motive for the criminal destruction of property, or, at least, for carelessness in protecting it from fire. If the insurance companies were to refuse insurances upon buildings and property of a hazardous description, and upon any property to an amount exceeding one-half or two-thirds of its real value in cash, the authorities would obtain a powerful assistance in enforcing the fire ordinances and lessening the chances of loss by fire.

I would recommend the adoption of such measures as may be required, and authorized by the City Charter, to remedy this evil, if it be found to exist, as I apprehend will prove to be the case. The Common Council will receive my hearty concurrence in their endeavors, by judicious legislation, to guard against the recurrence of fire, and the most earnest efforts of the Executive Department will be given to improve the efficiency of the Fire Department, and to enforce the ordinances adopted by your honorable body.

In consideration of the fact that I, as Mayor of the city, have power to appoint the police force, and in view of existing and possible future emergencies, I would respectfully recommend your honorable body to authorize the Comptroller to provide salary for 100 additional policemen for service in the city, between Aug. 1 and Sept. 1 next, and for sixty policemen from the latter date to April 1, 1875.

The communication was ordered published.

GUARDS AGAINST INFLAMMABLE MATERIALS.

Ald. Schaffner offered an order, which was passed, directing the Board of Police to proceed at once to institute inquiry as to persons who are now violating the ordinances by the storage of gunpowder, gun-cotton, naphtha, coal-oils, and other extra combustible and inflammable articles within the city limits, and to cause the strict enforcement of the fines and forfeitures provided by law.

ANOTHER FIRE ORDINANCE.

Ald. Schaffner introduced an ordinance amending the Fire Ordinance by extending the fire-limits to the city-limits; providing that no wooden building shall be raised or enlarged without a permit; and that no wooden building shall be removed from within the limits bounded by the lake shore, Twenty-second street, Ashland avenue, and Division street, unless such building shall be on leased ground, in which case it may be removed outside these limits.

Ald. Schaffner hoped the rules would be suspended so as to take action at once.

On demand of Ald. Stout, the ordinance was referred to the Committee on Fire and Water.

DANGEROUS DISTILLERY.

Ald. Fitzgerald offered a resolution declaring dangerous a distillery located near the intersection of Fourth avenue and Twelfth street, and calling for its removal. Referred to the Committee on Fire and Water.

COST OF WIDENING TWELFTH STREET.

Ald. Hildreth offered a resolution calling for an estimate of the cost of widening to 250 feet Twelfth street from Indiana avenue to Ashland avenue. It was referred to the joint Committee on Streets and Alleys, South and West Divisions.

UNDOING A GOOD WORK.

Ald. Stout introduced an ordinance repealing the ordinance passed July 20, 1874, and reviving the old ordinance. It was referred to the Committee on Fire and Water.

THE NEW FIRE MARSHAL.

A TRIBUNE reporter called yesterday afternoon upon Gen. Sheridan with a view of eliciting from that soldier his views upon having in command of the Chicago fire force a gentleman in the possession of a goodly amount of brains, and of the capacity of commanding. On reporting at headquarters the reporter was shown into a room with curtained windows, in which are to be seen several portraits and a handsome bust of the plucky conqueror of Winchester. After a short space of time spent in the natural inquietude which preludes the arrival of the august, Gen. Sheridan appeared, beaming and gracious. After a short and irrelevant conversation the reporter asked Gen. Sheridan whether he had read the article in THE TRIBUNE, in which the suggestion had been cast forth of placing the Fire Department under the control of a military man. The General stated that he always read THE TRIBUNE, and that the article in question had attracted his attention. At the same time he did not wish to give a direct answer to the question of the reporter asking him if he indorsed its spirit. He stated that he had interests outside of the city which were greater than any he had inside, and that the stating of an expressed opinion on the subject might irretrievably mix him up with city affairs, a thing which he had always tried to avoid. At the same time he thought that it was essential for the city to have at the head of its Fire Department a man accustomed to and capable of commanding. There must be but one man at a fire capable of issuing general orders, and he should be a man whom every other member of the force should be ready to obey.

In answer to a question of THE TRIBUNE reporter, Gen. Sheridan stated that he considered Gen. Shaler, of New York, who, if he remembered right, had organized the Fire Department of that city, as the fittest man to take command of the Chicago fire force. He considered that he would make a first-class commanding fireman. At the same time, the city would have to remember that the services of such men were not to be had without a certificate of just remuneration. Gen. Shaler had been in the army, although he was not now one of its number. In the present army there were, without a doubt, many other officers whose natural abilities would fit them for the position of commander of the Chicago Fire Department, and who could be induced, with suitable offers, to accept the situation if proffered.

INSURANCE AND FIRES.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: Of the many brilliant essays with which the Chicago *Times* has favored us since our last great fire, probably the articles on insurance in the Sunday issue of that paper are fully up to the average. Before the editor has time to retract his statements, and acknowledge that he was mistaken, as, I am told, he sometimes does, please allow me to say a few words that occur to me on the same subject, because it strikes me that there may be another side to the question.

I have listened to many able arguments on the subject from those who never had any property to burn up, but I have never had it so clearly and convincingly brought before my mind that we should be made better off without insurance companies at all as when I read those articles this morning. They alone were worth the price of the paper. The substance was, that, in the first place, the companies encourage incendiarism by overinsurance of property; and, secondly, without them we should never have any fires.

Now, the first objection seems to me superficial, and perhaps I can most easily make the *Times* see that such is the case by an analogy which would be just in its line. Because there are some sensational newspapers that make it their business to gossip whatever scandal they hear without regard to its truthfulness, and that blacken pure characters and blast useful lives, simply to make their issues spicy and sought after, and then, when the evil is done, come out with the usual apologies and regrets, are we to conclude that all newspapers are equally despicable and should be abolished, and are we therefore to be deprived of the bright sunshine and the highly moral and religious instruction that comes from such luminaries as the *Sunday Times*? It can easily see that it would not be right to end its usefulness on account of the sins of others.

Now, there are likewise two classes of insurance companies and agents. One class tries to do what is in accordance with the best rules of underwriting, never knowingly overinsures, avoids all doubtful risks and persons, and conducts the business on the principle of making it profitable by securing as few losses as possible. Another class is criminally careless, takes anything and everything that offers, and to any amount, and runs the chances. If the luck is good, all well; if not, the companies quietly retire into bankruptcy, and the creditors mourn because the assets are not to be found. Every well-informed business man can draw the line for himself between the two classes. Should the business be abolished because it is abused? No more than in the case of newspapers.

Would the absence of insurance prevent fires? History does not state whether Mrs. O'Leary had her barn insured or not. Probably not; but, even if she had, the cow that chattered the lamp was undoubtedly unaware of the fact, and would have kicked just as viciously. So that the nonexistence of insurance companies would not have saved the lamp, the barn, or the City of Chicago. This simply goes to prove that cows will be careless, and accidents will happen, probably till the end of the world, regardless of insurance.

If the millenium is coming when insurance companies withdraw, then Chicago is nearer the millenium than any city in the world, for it is very certain that, unless the radical reforms they ask for are conceded very soon, they will withdraw in sufficiently large numbers to make it exceedingly unpleasant for our business men. We would advise the *Times* to do what it can to persuade them to remain for a short time at least, for, until our wooden districts burn down, and the city becomes fire-proof, which will not happen for several years, there is a bare possibility that we will continue to have fires, both small and great.

PERDIX.

CHICAGO, July 26, 1874.

THE WALKER WILL.

Further Hearing Postponed Until September.

The testimony in the Walker will-case was continued yesterday at the County Court-room before Judge Wallace.

W. F. COOLBAUGH

examined by Mr. Small: He was President of the Union National Bank, and knew Martin O. Walker. He had had business relations with him for twenty-five years,---formerly in Burlington, Ia., and later in Chicago. He saw him as often as twice a week or more until his illness. He regarded him as a very superior business man, a man of great tenacity and will. He was also very honorable. For the last two or three years he was not the same man. He saw him in February last, after his illness; he was so weak and emaciated that witness was astonished, and actually feared he would not be able to leave the bank alive. He saw him again several times, and judged as a business man he had acted quite differently ever since the fire of 1871. He seemed to lose stability of purpose, and also his memory. He wished to raise some $200,000 to rebuild his property, but was so wayward, and unstable that witness refused to loan the money. He was satisfied that it would have been very difficult to get along with him personally. Witness attributed the change to increased dissipation. Mr. Walker was always a drinker, but not so as to be incapacitated for business until the last few years. Even at his best he seemed to have failed very much, whether drunk or sober. His memory seemed to fail. He seemed to have forgotten some securities held by witness, amounting to $30,000 or $40,000 in value. Nor did they appear in the schedule of his will. Once he had forgotten the place of residence of witness, though he had often been there and had frequently brought presents there, or sent them. Witness observed Mr. Walker's condition more especially during the last spring. He considered him very feeble, both physically and mentally.

Deceased frequently spoke about his children and his first wife. He seemed very fond of them, especially of his oldest son. He brought witness on four occasions his sons' orations and compositions at college in Racine. About a year ago he applied for a place for his oldest son in the Union National Bank. Finally it was granted. Mr. Walker said his son's habits were very correct. He talked at length about his son, said he intended to have him support himself while his father lived---that after deceased "went out" he would have enough. Witness invited the son to his house, by request of his father, who said his son had no society. Witness had conversed with deceased about every piece of property he had, and advised him to sell the "old stable lot," on the corner of Wabash avenue and Randolph street, for which he had been offered $500,000. Deceased refused to sell, saying he was keeping it for his sons. This was before the Great Fire. He noticed no change in the feeling of deceased toward his son until last spring. It seemed to be a feeling of indifference rather than anything else. He noticed it in this way: At that time the son, Otis Walker, applied to witness for a loan of $600. Witness spoke to deceased about it, and noticed that he did not speak of his son in precisely the same tone as had been his custom---that was all. Deceased brought his will to witness in March last, to be deposited in the bank. Witness was surprised, because he had supposed that his will had been lying in the bank for years. Deceased handed the inventory to witness to examine. Witness was too busy at that time. Deceased required that the document be shown to no one until his death. His manner at the time was vacant, abstracted, stolid, stupid. He was apparently much better off, physically and mentally, than on previous visits. In March last he drew a large number of checks on the bank. He told witness he had concluded a loan from the Connecticut Mutual for $60,000, and would have the money the next week. He was going to deposit the money in the bank, and to pay all his debts, and then go to California. On the strength of this money he wanted to draw checks on the banks. Witness had misgivings, and at first refused, but finally partially granted it. Some $10,000 of the checks were paid, and then payment was stopped. Shortly after he heard that the old man was in a very bad condition. The will was taken from the bank afterwards, and was given to Messrs. Isham and Hill by witness. It was returned on the same day to witness. Messrs. Hill and Isham said no change had been made.

ROBERT HERVEY

examined by Mr. Small: I knew Mr. Walker for twenty years. I had seen him but once since the fire, and was shocked at his weak physical appearance. Deceased did not recognize witness, who was surprised at it. This was in April last. He was very weak and emaciated. He wanted to find Judge Tree's court-room; found it; sat still a while, and went out.

ALEXANDER ASHBY

cross-examined by Mr. Swett: Before Christmas I drove deceased down-town to Brink's express office; could not find Brink; drove thence to his new building on Randolph street; thence to near the bridge, deceased pointing with his stick, but saying nothing; then turned up LaSalle to ward home, to Monroe, then towards Wabash, then down State; then deceased says, "I made a mistake," and pointed with his stick to turn around; then drove him down as far as Twenty-seventh street, when deceased told him again, "I have forgotten something," and they had to drive to town again, to Honore Block. Deceased took two drinks. Similar cases of forgetfulness occurred at other times.

The Court then adjourned till 2 o'clock, at which time Ashby's cross-examination was resumed. He thought deceased hardly knew what he was about, or what he was saying on several occasions. Mrs. Morton once said to witness: "Ill fight your battles with Walker, if you do as I wish. I can do a great deal with him." Once witness told Mrs. Morton he could not get along very well with the cook. She replied that she would see Mr. Walker, and have some changes made. Once she and Mr. Walker disagreed as to where a grape vine should be planted. She said she was going to have her own way about it, and had it. She tried to get witness discharged, and accomplished it. She told witness she should have the door locked as early as 9 o'clock, and it generally was so locked. She always spoke of it when witness came in later. He had heard her tell Mr. Walker he could not have so much liquor to drink. She said, "I'll deal out your liquor for you." On several occasions she would give orders contrary to Mr. Walker's, and she generally had her own way. Mr. Walker would say, "these women must have their way." He had spoken to Mrs. Morton and also to others about Mr. Walker's mental weakness. No person engaged upon the other side of this case had ever spoken to witness about it before it began.

Redirect by Mr. Small---Mrs. Morton, after Mr. Walker's death, had sent for him, and asked whether he thought she had misused the boys.

MR. W. F. COOLBAUGH

cross-examined by Mr. Swett: Deceased came to the bank intoxicated very frequently. Sometimes he was sober; could not say that he was mentally weak, except as arising from physical weakness. He appeared to be sober and sensible when he procured his son's entry into the bank, and also in March last, when he spoke of the $60,000 loan. Witness thought at that time that, when sober, he knew what he was about. When in health, he was one of the most unyielding men witness ever knew. He regarded him as a man of extraordinary business talent; always regarded him as perfectly sane when sober, save only by his failure of memory. During the last few weeks of his life witness found him very tedious and troublesome.

JOHN CAMPBELL

examined by Mr. M. W. Fuller. He knew deceased for twenty years. He was a very able man. His memory seemed to fail within the last two years. He forgot transactions had with witness. On one occasion, when witness went to see deceased, Mrs. Morton refused to allow it, and threatened to knock witness down with her crutch if he moved toward Mr. Walker's room. He heard his voice at the time, and knew he was up. This was the last spring.

Cross-examined by Mr. Swett---He saw Mr. Walker in the garden last fall. The object was to get some money. He never had a fair settlement with him since he did business with him. He was a dealer in coal and wood. Deceased always said he had no money.

THOMAS M'LENAHAN

examined by Mr. Fuller: Was foreman of the brick-yard owned by Mr. Walker for five or six years, and worked for him previously. He noticed that his memory failed badly in the last year or two. He grew weak in body after his hurt in November, 1872, and seemed to fail mentally. His talk was not coherent. Once he gave orders for brick when there were none in the yard. He knew Mrs. Morton for some four years. Once she had told witness that Mr. Buckingham was joined with the boys against her, and she wanted to see him to know why he did not like her. She wanted witness to carry a note to Buckingham to arrange

DOUGLAS ESTATE.

liams, Declares It Belongs to the Heirs.

by the Executor Is Ordered Set Aside.

. Williams' Bill Dismissed.

ams rendered a decision yesterday ich ives the heirs of the late uglas about $250,000, or its equiv- estate. The case was that of , formerly Mrs. Douglas, against , Richard Gregg, Daniel P. . Douglas, S. A. Douglas, and is.

RS. DOUGLAS STATED husband died he left a large nd in Calumet, South Chicago, uthern part of the city; Rhodes, the executor, filed in the County Court asking d be sold for the payment of the deceased Senator. In 1864 the old for about $25,000 more than nces, amounting to $500,000, by Thomas S. Dobbins; that ecutor, was interested in the sale, it was void. Moreover, it was e petition showed the land was 100,000, and therefore a sale of tisfy debts of about $5,000 (all been proved) was clearly illegal; more than enough to pay the ultra vires' and void. The sked that the executor's sale be the above reasons, and also be facts had since that time been cross bill was filed by Robert M. Douglas, asking for similar re-

JUDGE WILLIAMS overing this opinion, that there ct averments of the value of the petition to sell; that the peti- ot to be prejudiced by his here it showed that the not possibly be definite the actual debts far exceeded of the property, and it the executor, who knew of them all, if assets came to his t they had been proven. Many n did not prove their claims e estate because they supposed not pay them, and they would le for nothing. The Court or- the whole property, and even were not all paid, and some are

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INTEREST OF RHODES was the claim principally relied n a fact, that Rhodes was inter- bins and Gregg knew of it when of necessity be set aside. It ap- y, that Rhodes, who was a cousin d who promised to see after the , had made numerous and re- to extricate the estate from its There were at that time s on the estate, some of been foreclosed, and even demption was about to expire. to several parties to help him, even offered to pay a part of rage himself to save the equity to object. Every one agreed y was worthless ever and above s on it. Finally he filed a petition land sold in order to prevent the redemption, under the Smith r much time and trouble he in- to become the purchaser at the dition that he (Rhodes) should against loss and take an interest odes reluctantly consented, and accordingly made, netting about the encumbrances. Now ed to Mrs. Douglas by a November, 1865, he had an property, but he claimed he ac- quent to the sale. But he ad- Dobbins would not go in unless e must, therefore, have had an me of the sale. Moreover, the Dobbins, and the testimony of ll, and others agree in showing ar interests as of about the time sale. It does not matter what as were.

LAW IS VERY CLEAR. an executor to be interested en though it be in good faith. nterests of buyer and seller are osed. Rhodes certainly had no uding Mrs. Douglas or the t had an interest in the lt in the eye of the law is the ust be declared iv alid.

MRS. WILLIAMS ? She received a letter from y, 1865, stating that he had an nother in 1867. Gen. Williams nizant of the fact, and could had no object in deceiving the fact from her. In some held that a neglect to act on everal years was not a bar, but uld. Had Dobbins had the nvested in this estate, and put perty, he could have real- amount. Mrs. Douglas 1865 to 1870, when largely appreciating in value to enforce her rights, and she be deemed guilty of laches. ccordingly ordered to be dis- for want of equity.

t the case was different as to ND PURCHASER DOBBINS. ained his majority in 1870, the one of their first acts was, to re any portion of the $25,000 xecutor's sale, and to disclaim 873 they filed their cross-bill le be set aside, and as laches tributed to an infant, and they apt in disclaiming when of age, the sale was invalid to them. ore held that the sale was to Robert and Stephen; that the in the hands of Rhodes, Dob- as to be declared to be theirs, e was to be referred to the count of the profits received ready sold by the defendants.

ADA NEWS.

Meeting—First Trial of —Miscellaneous.

ch to The Chicago Tribune.

27.—It is generally un- meeting of manufacturers to next week is not truly a eeting of manufacturers, but o are strong Protectionists ment men. A large and n of the leading manu- country are prepared to iprocity treaty as being for t the country at large. o the first constituency to test e ballot in elections, eneral, in his northern trip, is received with enthusiasm. July 27.—Howland, President Board of Trade, who is address before the Mechanics' ing the views of the Canada r met the approval of the au- tion was carried to the effect the meeting be tendered to e able exposition of the views r further resolved that in meeting it was most desirable National Club should be ex- rts to cultivate a national and ughout the Dominion.

To The Chicago Tribune.

July 27.—At a meeting of this evening a resolution was ed, to be forwarded to the end, indorsing the construc- and Ontario Ship-Canal, and t 10,000,000 acres of land be reof. Capreol showed the project, and the manner of y capital of $40,000,000. The ia are very favorable to the canal.

dison, one of the most dis- commanders of the Confed- his native State, North Car- the famed Drewry farm in , Virginia, and settled down

ARMY NEWS.

Gen. Custer's First Official Report on His Black-Hills Expedition.

No Indian Hostilities Encountered up to Last Advices.

The Recent Engagement with Indians in Wyoming Territory.

Extracts from the Official Report of Capt. Bates.

THE BLACK-HILLS EXPEDITION.

The following is a copy of a telegram from Bismarck, dated July 24, to the Army Headquarters in this city, giving Gen. Custer's first official report on his Black-Hills Expedition:

PRINCE OF WALES', Dak., Camp, 105d, 45m. West, Lat. 45d, 22m. North. }

Assistant Adjutant-General, Department of Dakota, St. Paul, Minn.:

SIR: This expedition reached this point yesterday, having marched, since leaving Fort Lincoln, 227½ miles. We are now 170 miles in a direct line from Lincoln, and within about 5 miles of the Little Missouri, and within about 7 miles of the Montana boundary. Our bearing from Fort Lincoln being south 62 degrees west.

After the second day from Lincoln, we marched over

A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY.

The grazing was excellent and abundant. Wood sufficient for our wants, and water in great abundance at every 10 miles. When we struck the tributaries of Grand River, we entered a less desirable portion of the country, nearly all the streams flowing into Grand River being more or less impregnated with alkali, rendering the passage difficult. We found a plentiful supply of grass, wood, and water, however, even along the portion of our route. Upon leaving the head-waters of Grand River, we ascended the plateau separating the water-shed of the Little Missouri from that running into the Missouri, and found a country of surpassing beauty and richness of soil. The passage could not be finer, timber is abundant, and water both good and plentiful. As an evidence of the character of the country, we have marched, since leaving Fort Lincoln, on an average, over 17 miles per day,—one day making 31 miles,—yet our mules and beef-cattle have constantly improved in condition, the beef-cattle depending entirely upon the excellent grazing to have marched over. The health of my command is something remarkable,—not a man being on the sick report. Every one seems not only in good health, but in excellent spirits.

Between the forks of Grand River we discovered

A CAVE

to which the Indians attach great importance. The cave extends about 400 feet under ground, beyond which point it was not practicable to explore it. Its walls and roof are covered with rude carvings, and drawings cut into the solid rock, apparently the work of Indians, although evidently of a different tribe than either of those now roaming in this region. Near the cave was found a white man's skull, apparently perforated by a bullet. It had been exposed to the atmosphere for several years, as no white men, except those belonging to this expedition, are known to have passed anywhere near the locality. The discovery of the skull was regarded with universal interest. The cave was found to contain numerous articles of Indian equipment, which had been thrown into the cave by the Indians as offerings to the Great Spirit. I have named the cave Ludlow's Cave, in honor of the engineer officer of the expedition.

Our march thus far has been made

WITHOUT MOLESTATION

upon the part of the Indians. We discovered no signs indicating the recent presence of Indians, until day before yesterday, when Capt. McDougall, Seventh Cavalry, who was on the flank, discovered a small body of about twenty Indians watching our movements. The Indians disappeared as soon as discovered. Yesterday, the same, or a similar band, party made its appearance, and was seen by Capt. Moylan Cowdery, rear guard, along our line of march. Soon after, several signals of smoke were sent up, which our Indian guards interpret as conveying information to the main body of our presence and movements. As I sent a pacific message to all the tribes infesting this region, before the expedition moved, and expressed a desire to maintain friendly relations with them, the signals observed by so many have simply been made to enable the villagers to avoid us. Our Indian guides think differently, however, and believe the Indians mean war. Should this be the case, they will be the party to fire the first shot. Indians have been seen near camp to-day.

Mr. Grinnell, of Yale College, one of the geologists accompanying the expedition, discovered, yesterday,

AN IMPORTANT FOSSIL.

It was a bone about 4 feet long and 12 inches in diameter, and had evidently belonged to an animal larger than an elephant. Beds of lignite, of good quality, have been observed, at different points along our route, by Prof. Winchell, one of the geologists of the expedition.

I do not know whether I will be able to communicate with you again before the return of the expedition, or not.

G. A. CUSTER, Brig.-Gen. U. S. A., Commander of Expedition.

CAPT. BATES' ENGAGEMENT.

Extracts from the official report of Capt. Bates' recent engagement with Indians in Wyoming Territory:

CAMP BROWN, Wyo. Ter., July 9, 1874.

Leaving here about 8 p. m. July 1, with my company,—B, Second Cavalry,—63 men in the saddle; 20 Shoshonee Indian scouts, under command of Lieut. R. H. Young, Fourth Infantry; and 167 Shoshonee Indians, under Washakie, their Head-Chief,—I marched down the Little Wind River, and camped at daylight about 3 miles below its mouth, 31 miles from the post. Remaining concealed during the day, I left camp at 8:30 p. m. July 2, and, marching rapidly during the night in a northeast direction, camped, in the morning on Bad-Water Creek, after a march of 45 miles. Starting again at 8 p. m. in the evening of July 3, we moved north and east over the eastern extension of the Owl-Creek Mountains (or, as designated on some maps, over a spur of the Big-Horn Mountains. After about 30 miles' march the trail led into a beautiful country on the north side of the mountains, covered with a heavy luxuriant growth of grass and well watered by several springs, which discharged their waters to the north. Our course then turned to the west and north, in which direction we moved until we found the village after a march of 40 miles.

Before leaving this post I supposed, from information brought by the scouts, that it would be possible to reach the village in two nights' marches, as they estimated the distance at about 60 miles, which is not far from the distance in a direct line. The day had already begun to break on the morning of the 4th when we found two camp ponies, and learned that we were in

THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY

of the hostile Indians; but the village had either been moved, or my scouts had missed the place, for I was obliged to move slowly along while they searched for it. At this time I received the information of the bad character of my allies; for from the moment they knew we were near the village, they became very unruly and noisy, and paid no attention to the commands of their leaders who, I understand, were trying to keep them quiet. Moving along slowly, I waited the report of the scouts,—loaing in this way about three-quarters of an hour of valuable time. After it had become so light that I was just getting the command down into a ravine to conceal it, they came in, and reported that the village was situated in a deep ravine, about a mile and a half away from us, and but a short distance from where we had found the ponies. Upon receiving this information, the Shoshonees set up the usual

INFERNAL YELLING AND SHOUTING

I ever heard from which they did not desist until after the fight had commenced.

I turned at once, and moved back in the direction of the village, and, when about half-way, halted the command and rode forward to reconnoiter the place. I found the village, which consisted of 111 lodges, placed in a deep ravine, at the head of which the column was halted, and just at the mouth where this ravine was cut by another at nearly right angles. On the right of this ravine-along which I had ridden, the bluff had quite a gradual slope, the sides of which were smooth and grassy. On the opposite side the slope was steep, and the point formed by the intersection of these two ravines on that side immediately over, and from 350 to 400 feet above, the village, was of sandstone, which had been washed out, and large masses of which had become detached and rolled part-way down the face. This distance, across the ravine from the heights on one side to those of the other, immediately above the village, was from 1,200 to 1,500 yards; and, from where I first saw it to the lower part of the village, or to the sandstone bluff referred to above, twice as far. In the uncertain light of early day, I could not clearly distinguish the character of this height, but I saw it was an

IMPORTANT POINT,

and would have occupied it with some of my men had the Shoshonees allowed me to do so; but their bowis were terrific, and I saw that the village would be thoroughly aroused before I could get into it if I attempted to gain the heights on that side before making the attack, and I determined to change it at once. Telling the Shoshonees—who, I supposed, would fight a fleeing enemy—to move down the ravine and follow me through the village, cutting the Indians off from the heights on the left, I moved my company forward, and dismounted on the height, about 500 yards in rear of the village, and went into it at once. As a few of my men were back with the led backs, and one had been left behind with a broken shoulder, and another after leaving that had given out, I had to take the village with me on the left. The village by this time was around well, and some of the Indians were cutting loose their ponies, and others preparing to fight. I found, upon getting down into it, that it was divided nearly through the centre by a gully washed out of the centre of the ravine, which was about 15 feet wide and 10 or 12 deep. In this a great number of Indians had placed themselves, and from it they opened a sharp fire on us as we approached, but fortunately without damage.

We quickly drove them down through this gully, where they were crowded so closely together near the lower end that we had a splendid chance at them, and counted afterwards

SEVENTEEN DEAD ALMOST

In about twenty minutes, or half an hour at farthest, there was not an Indian in the village excepting the dead, and numbers of children who were left in the lodges. So far I had seen nothing of the Shoshonees, and, by this time, the Indians who had escaped us had reached the rocks above, from where they opened a very telling fire on us, killing two men and wounding three, in a very few minutes. In clearing out the village, we had driven a part of their ponies back up the ravine, but some had gone out at the lower end with the Indians, and one considerable herd had been driven up the steep bluffs just above the rocks, where I saw them during the fight, and, hearing firing there, supposed they were being captured by the Shoshonees. Having nothing further to do in the village, I withdrew my men, who had exhausted nearly all the ammunition they had on their persons, sent for the horses, and went back on the heights to see what was the condition of affairs. Just as I reached the heights, where I conveyed the wounded, I learned that Lieut. Young was on the opposite side, where he had been wounded, and was in danger of falling into the hands of the enemy; and immediately started across, but met Young in the ravine, to which place he had been assisted by a citizen named Cosgrove, who, with two or three others, had gone along on their own responsibility, and to whom I have no doubt Mr. Young owes his life. Leaving Lieut. Young with the surgeon, I continued on up the bluff, intending to dismount and take the rocky point, the possession of which would have left us in undisturbed possession of the village; but, upon gaining the top of the bluffs, where Washakie and the Shoshonees were firing at about 300 yards' range, I learned that the herd I had seen was in the possession of the Indians, and that they had probably

SAVED HALF OF THEIR STOCK.

The rocks on the point were so worked out as to afford a perfect shelter to the Indians there from every side; and, to take it, I must necessarily move over from 300 to 400 yards of ground, exposed to a fire I had already found very effective. The Indians had at this time a signal smoke going up from the point, which I concluded was for aid from some neighboring village. To take the point I estimated would cost me about 10 men killed and wounded, and require more than half of my remaining ammunition. Under the circumstances, therefore, I felt obliged to withdraw without destroying the village or capturing the women, which was about all I could have gained by taking the rocky point, although we would have killed a few more Indians, who, with the squaws, were concealed in the rocks. As the Shoshonees would not fight (many were already leaving for home with their ponies we had driven out of the village); as I had 4 wounded men to get on horseback through a country in which, for 70 miles, 20 resolute men could have held an army in check; with a very small supply of ammunition, I felt that the Indians who had escaped, if they received any reinforcements, would make it a difficult task for me to get my command back again, and that I could not afford to lose another man or round of ammunition; consequently,

I WITHDREW MY COMMAND

about 8 o'clock, and started on my return march without going into the village to destroy it, which I could not do without first taking the rocks above.

The result of the fight was 25 Indians known to be killed, and, with the usual proportion of four wounded to one killed, 100 wounded. Of the killed, 17 were counted in one part of the village; the others were left in part in the village, and a part on the side of the bluff. Of those killed on the height I can give no report; but, as the citizens referred to, with Lieut. Young and a few Indians, all remarkable shots, were firing there at fair range for some time, their killed must be many more. The wounded all remained in their hands, and the number can only be estimated; but, as our shots were all fired at a range varying from 10 feet to 100 yards, I think the number given above will be full within the limit. Two hundred ponies were captured and turned over to the Shoshonee Indians.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. E. BATES,
Captain Second Cavalry, Commanding.

TEMPERANCE.

The Germans of Eau Claire Try the Reprisal Business.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., July 27.—In consequence of having been fined for selling beer on Sunday, the German Society of this city gave public notice that they should prosecute livery-keepers, barbers, ice-cream saloons, and, in fact, any and all persons engaging in manual labor or pleasure. Yesterday their detectives were out all day, and presented the names of over 100 persons for prosecution. Toward evening the Society began to quake about the knees, because of the indignation which was everywhere manifested, even, too, among those whom they had supposed were their friends, and it was predicted that they would back down, which they did, notwithstanding their previous braggadocio. Report says this difficulty has divided the Society, and the hall which they had purchased and partly paid for will go back to the original owner.

EDUCATIONAL.

Meeting of the Normal Institute of Scott County, Ia.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DAVENPORT, Ia., July 27.—The Scott County Normal Institute, as provided by the new law, and pursuant to an announcement by Superintendent Morton, was convened at the High School building this morning, about twenty-five teachers being present, some teachers arriving afterwards swelling the number to between forty and fifty. The meeting was called to order by the Superintendent, who read the law providing for such institutes, and stated briefly the general purpose and plan, after which Mr. W. H. Pratt was appointed permanent Secretary. After a recess of fifteen minutes, the teachers assembled, and listened to an address from Prof. J. Baldwin, of the State Normal School at Kirksville, Mo., who has had a large experience, and who will take a prominent part in the work of the Institute. The instructors engaged in the several branches are as follows: Theory and practice thereof, Baldwin; mathematics, J. J. Nagel; primary instruction, Lydia O. Barrette; orthography and reading, Supt. Morton; United States history and physiology, J. R. Brownson; penmanship and bookkeeping, W. H. Pratt; geography, J. J. Nagel; language, Prof. Baldwin. The following is the programme of daily exercises: Forenoon—9 to 9:20, opening exercises; 9:20 to 9:55, mathematics; 9:55 to 10:25, primary work three days; theory and practice, three days; 10:25 to 10:40, recess; 10:40 to 11:20, orthography and reading; 11:20 to 12, theory and practice in teaching. Afternoon—2 to 2:30, United States history and physiology, alternately; 2:30 to 3, penmanship and bookkeeping; 3 to 3:35, language; 3:35 to 3:50, recess; 3:50 to 4:20, geography; 4:20 to 5, theory and practice.

A HUGE STURGEON.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., July 27.—The Capitals' interest in the Beecher scandal has been partly diverted to-day by the capture in Lake Monona of a large sturgeon weighing 155 pounds, 6 feet and 6 inches long, and 38 inches around, which has been visited by hundreds. It was caught with a spear, to which a stout line was attached, by William Harnden, who had seen it gamboling in the water before his place at the head of the lake, some 80 rods from the shore. The spear entered just above the hinder fin on the left side, and, with a hundred-foot of line, the fish towed the boat with two men back and forth for an hour or two, when, tired and weakened with the loss of blood, it was drawn ashore and landed in the presence of many people picnicing in the vicinity. This, or another fish like it, has been seen at times for years.

THE COURTS.

Record of Business Transacted Yesterday.

ANOTHER BOARD OF TRADE CASE.

August Fisher filed a bill yesterday in the Superior Court against the Board of Trade, G. M. How, Howard Priestly, J. M. Bensley, J. F. Armour, Alexander Morrison, Robert Warren, Thomas Wright, E. B. Baldwin, S. D. Foss, William Dickenson, A. S. Burt, Alexander Geddes, J. B. Hobbs, and Charles Randolph for an injunction to prevent them from keeping him out of the Board of Trade rooms.

Complainant alleges that, in 1869, he joined the Board of Trade for the purpose of availing himself of its advantages in his business as miller. In January last he bought of Mellon, Williams & Co. a car-load of bran, then being in a car on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company's track. The sacks of bran were weighed, and delivered to complainant's teamsters, he supposes, and carted to his store, but he claims he himself knows nothing of the actual weights or delivery of the bran at his store. Fisher took the weights of the various wagon-loads from his bookkeeper's books, and gave a check for the amount due Mellon, Williams & Co. This was received by them, and has never since been returned. A few days after, Fisher received a call from one of the firm, who charged him with having stolen one wagon-load of bran. Fisher ordered him out of the office. On the 7th of March a notice was served on complainant by Charles Randolph, notifying him that a complaint had been filed against him by Mellon, Williams & Co. He appeared at the time, and asked to have counsel. The request was refused, and the Board of Directors proceeded to hear his case, and reported their finding to the Board of Trade, recommending that he be expelled. Complainant claims that he is a German, and little acquainted with the English language, and on this account was unable to present his defense in proper shape. He protested against the decision of the Board of Directors, and asked a rehearing, which was refused. The matter was, however, referred to the Directors again, and complainant again introduced evidence to prove his innocence, but unsuccesfully. And on the 10th of July he was expelled by a vote of the whole Board of Trade.

To regain his lost position complainant filed his bill for an injunction, alleging a multitude of errors and wrong-doings on the part of the Board. Among others, he claims that there was only a bare quorum present of the Board of Directors, and that they were inimical to him. The Board of Trade too was packed in the interest of the defendants, and the matter passed upon without consideration. He also claims he had no notice of the meeting of the Board of Trade, and that, therefore their sentence void. At that time he was troubled over the fatal illness of his child, whom he buried on the very day he was expelled. Moreover, no regular ballot was taken on his expulsion, no full list taken, nor record made of persons actually voting, and others not members were present, and some mistook the occasion for an election, and voted early and often. The whole business, he claims, in short, was a put up job by his enemies, to get rid of him.

The claim of Mellon, Williams & Co., Fisher alleges, has always been honestly contested by him, and no judgment of any court has been rendered which adjudged him liable to pay the amount claimed, though he has repeatedly offered to pay the demand, some $13 or $14, rather than be persecuted. This offer, however, they have refused.

Again, it is a rule of this Board that members only can prefer complaints, and in this case it is alleged that the members of the firm of Mellon, Williams & Co. are not all members of the Board. The firm consist of Mrs. E. J. Mellon and Williams, and the former is not a member, but her husband does business in her name.

Fisher complains that his business has been damaged seriously already, and will be still more injured unless he be immediately restored to his former rights. In view of all the above allegations and reasons, he therefore asked for an injunction, and obtained it from Judge Moore, on filing a bond for $500.

UNITED STATES COURTS.

Matthias Terhune filed a bill against Wellington Phillips, to enjoin him from infringing on a patent socket for show-cases, of which patent complainant claims to be the owner by assignment.

Injunctions were granted yesterday by Judge Blodgett against Amory Bigelow, P. A. Woolner, H. Rost & Co., J. B. Inderrieden & Co., M. Durand & Co., Franklin MacVeigh & Co., and W. T. Allen, to restrain them from selling or making any infringements on Winslow's patent for preserving green corn.

Drs. J. D. Kilbourne, W. B. Farnham, J. H. Baker, C. W. Lichtenberg, J. S. Wasburn, and G. P. Smith were enjoined from using the Goodyear dental vulcanite patent.

BANKRUPTCY IBUSINESS.

Isidore Bernstein et al. were adjudicated bankrupt by default, and a warrant issued returnable Aug. 27.

Solomon Alpiner, David Adams, and Moses Straus & Co. filed a petition against Morris Alpiner. Petitioners' combined claims amount to $2,397.47, and they allege that Alpiner's whole debts amount to $7,058.73; that he gave a warrant to confess judgment to C. S. Morris, on which judgment was entered July 9, 1874, all of which was done with intent to give a preference. A rule to show cause Aug. 6 was made.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Leo Hettrick began a suit for $21,200 against Walter Treleaven.

Charles A. Gregory filed a bill against George R. Clarke and J. C. Burrage to restrain a sale under a trust-deed, which sale was advertised to take place to-day at 12 o'clock. The premises are known as 1, 2, and 6, except a strip 3 feet wide, 7 to 13 inclusive, in Morton, Clement & Honore's Resubdivision of Block 9, in Drexel & Smith's Subdivison of the west ½ of the northwest ¼ and the west ½ of the west ½ of the southwest ¼ of Sec. 11, 38, 14. They were incumbered for $20,000. The north door of the Court-House is the cause of the trouble.

THE COUNTY COURT.

In the matter of the Village of Hyde Park, order discharging Commissioners heretofore appointed in roll No. 19, and Joseph H. Gray, James M. Hill, and William P. Gray appointed in their stead; order in petition No. 27, appointing Joseph H. Gray, Jonah S. Scovel, and Huell W. Bridge; No. 28, Joseph H. Gray, Daniel H. Horne, and George G. Pope; No. 30, same order; No. 30, Joseph H. Gray, Daniel H. Horne, and Joseph H. Scovel; No. 31, Joseph H. Gray, Daniel H. Horne, and George G. Pope. The above Commissioners were appointed to make the assessments in the respective petitions.

In the matter of the estate of the late Martin O. Walker, letters of administration to collect were issued to Calvin T. Wheeler under an approved bond of $200,000, Mr. William F. Coolbangh and Melville W. Fuller becoming sureties.

THE CALL.

JUDGE GARY—450, 454, 456, 457, 460, 461, 463 to 490.

JUDGE BURNS—Assists Judge Gary.

JUDGMENTS.

SUPERIOR COURT—JUDGE GARY—John Miller vs. Patrick O'Neil, $306.35.—T. J. Darcy vs. Patrick H. Heffron, $3,008.66.—Henry Furst vs. Thomas McArthur, $1,941.61.—B. Lindauer et al. vs. S. L. Fosse and J. Hanson, $215.06.—T. L. Morgan vs. Bank of Chicago, $707.78.—Same vs. W. H. Park, $707.78.—W. A. Hardt et al. vs. Marcus and Morris Fechtenberg, $1,733.70.

JUDGE BURNS—Louise Klemme vs. Charles Peters, $1,500.—Krick vs. Stuart; verdict, $25, and motion for new trial.

CIRCUIT COURT—CONFESSIONS—The Traders' National Bank vs. August Klenke and Charles Eickenberg, $552.06.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The depredations of the caterpillar, in Buffalo, are seriously injuring the beauty of the city's elegant shade-trees.

—It is stated by an Atlanta paper that a negro company has applied to the Governor of Georgia for instruments for a brass band.

—In his charge to the Grand Jury at Erie, Pa., Judge M'Candless recommended the purchase or erection of buildings in that place for the accommodation of the United States courts.

—Mrs. Tilton, who is so prominent a figure in the Beecher scandal, is the mother of four children: Florence, aged 16; Alice, aged 14; Carroll, aged 11; and Frankie, aged 5. They are said to be very handsome and intelligent.

—Gen. Sidney M. Southard, Judge-Advocate-General of Vermont, celebrated the eleventh anniversary of losing his leg at the battle of Gettysburg, a few days since, by marrying Miss Lydia A. Wright, a niece of the Rev. M. H. Buckham, President of the University of Vermont.

—Do you chew gum? The price of three pieces a week, at 1 cent apiece, amounts to $1.56 a year, or in sixty-seven years to $104.52. That sum will purchase a complete set of Appleton's Cyclopædia, a marriage license, a black bombazine dress for your aunt, German silver coffin-plate, and a cheroot. Cut this out, young man, and paste it on the back of your girl's photograph.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—MICHIGAN-AV.—A 3-STORY AND basement marble-front house on Michigan-av., near Thirteenth-st.; in perfect order; a very convenient and comfortable residence; will be sold at a decided bargain if taken at once; possession when desired; title perfect. J. ESAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—LOTS ON WESTERN-AV., LEXINGton, Polk, Taylor, and Campbell-avs. Parties wishing to build no money required down. Might exchange a little if needed. Inquire of GEO. CADWELL, corner of Lexington-st. and Western-av.

FOR SALE—ON MONTHLY PAYMENTS AT A BARgain, a 2-story house of 9 rooms; one cottage of six rooms. Inquire on the premises of GEO. CADWELL, corner Western-av. and Lexington-st.

FOR SALE—ON PARK-AV., JUST EAST OF CENtral Park, a new 7-room cottage, with all modern conveniences; price only $2,500; on monthly payments. Will take a good horse as first payment. Apply to H. O. STONE, Room 5, 146 East Madison-st.

FOR SALE—OAKWOOD BOULEVARD AND ROANoke.—The choicest lots adjoining the south city limits, at very low prices and on very easy terms. Great bargains may be had in this beautiful locality. Early application. Call for a plat. J. ESAIAS WARREN, 18 Chamber of Commerce.

FOR SALE—HOUSE, 2-STORIES, STORE FRONT, and stable, very cheap; $450. 71 Third-av.

FOR SALE—STORE AND DWELLING, NORTH-east corner Lock and Lyman-sts., with good barn. WHIPPLE & CASTLE, 108 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—AT A VERY LOW PRICE, MY TWO new octagon marble-front dwellings, on Indiana-av., near Thirty-second-st., containing 16 rooms each, and all modern improvements. Parties seeking a bargain apply to OWNER, Room 6, 115 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—OR EXCHANGE—TWO 2-STORY AND basement brick houses on Washington-av., near Sheldon. D. COLE & SON, 183 West Madison-st.

FOR SALE—A BARGAIN—NO. 182 FOURTH-AV. Inquire PHILP, SCANLAN, 220 Washington-st.

FOR SALE—40X150 FEET, NORTH OF OAK-ST., on Jefferson-av., near Hyde Park Depot; trees on lot, choice building lot; at great bargain if sold at once. 25x127.60 lot near South Park Depot, Fifty-seventh-st.; suitable for cottage; $500 cash; $500 in two years.

2 lots at Grand Crossing, on Stony Island Boulevard, 66x166 each; $600; easy terms. ULRICH & BOND, 97 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—3 VERY DESIRABLE LOTS ON Wabash-av., between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth-sts., 25x191 feet each to 20-foot alley. F. W. SPRINGER, 185 LaSalle-st.

SUBURBAN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN, 79 ACRES, SECTION 10, 40, 13, high and dry, covered with a fine grove of young trees. Fine graveled road direct to this property, of a mile from depot; only 5 miles from city limits. Parties seeking investment will find this an excellent chance. Address A. M. HITT, 19 Major Block, 145 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY for cash, one of the finest residences in the town of Hyde Park. Two-story frame, 11 rooms, with lot 50x150, two-story barn, fruit trees and flowers of all kinds, situated on Madison-av., between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth-sts. Address B 54, Tribune office, or see owner on premises.

FOR SALE—$100 WILL BUY A LOT AT PARK Ridge, $15 down and $5 a month until paid; one block from depot; property shows free. Cheapest property in market. IRA BROWN, 126 LaSalle-st., Room 4.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—40 ACRES IN SEC. 36, bounded on west by Stony Island-av., south by Eighty-seventh-st. boulevard, and near the Cornell Watch Factory. Apply to GEORGE BICKERDIKE, 203 LaSalle-st., basement.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—SUBURBAN RESIDENCE on Fox River, stylish Gothic cottage, nearly new, 8 pleasant rooms, large cellar, cistern, well, &c. Lot about 1 acre, set to choice apple trees, plums, grapes, fruit trees, and all kinds of small fruit; land A No. 1 for fruit. Excellent society and schools convenient. Splendid boating, fishing, and bathing. Thirty-five miles from Chicago; about leaving town, and must sell even at a sacrifice. Address R. S. WOLCOTT, Batavia, Ill.

FOR SALE—AT ENGLEWOOD—GOOD BUILDING lots cheap and on easy terms, finely located. SPOFFORD, BYRNE & DRAKE, 148 Clark-st., Room 1.

FOR SALE—LOOK, LOOK AT THIS OFFER—I will sell my house and lot, South Evanston 3-story house, newly painted, papered, etc.; has sewer to the lake. Lot 50x130, with large barn, for $4,000, on very easy payments, and will take part for one year; will discount $500 for cash. H. A. OSBORN, 128 LaSalle-st.

FOR SALE—NEW COTTAGE AND 5 ACRES GROVE lot ¼ mile from Hobart, 32 miles on Fort Wayne Railroad; $350 down, balance $25 per month. Price only $1,500. Office days, Saturdays and Mondays. J. G. EARLE, owner, Room 2, 153 Monroe-st.

FOR SALE—HYDE PARK RESIDENCE—NEW, well-built modern conveniences; seven rooms on first floor, hall in centre, good cellar, bath-room, and sewerage; large airy rooms; fine lot, 100x156 feet, covered with fine old evergreens; will sell for one-third cash, the balance running into a long time; residence lots close, balance three and five years. ULRICH & BOND, 97 Dearborn-st.

FOR SALE—NEW COTTAGE AND FOUR ACRES of land at Hobart, 32 miles on the Ft. Wayne Railroad; price only $500; one-third down, balance $25 monthly. Office days Saturday and Monday. No agency business. J. G. EARLE, owner, Room 2, 153 Monroe-st.

FOR SALE—CLARENDON HILLS—UNEQUALED for beauty of location; 20 minutes from Chicago; fresh deciduous and evergreen; healthy air, pure water, natural drainage; good society, school and church privileges; 20 trains per day; 18 minutes' ride on the C. & N. W. R. R. Save rents and have a home of your own. Plats, prices, terms, and free transportation to examine the property, of HOLMES & CO., 74 and 76 Dearborn-st.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—AT WARRENVILLE DU PAGE CO., Ill., a large commodious brick house and stable, house containing 14 rooms, also closets and bath-room; stable contains 4 stalls, harness-room, with room for coachman; laundry 20x30 feet, with all conveniences; woodhouse 20x40 feet, and a chicken-house 16x30 feet; brick ice-house, large enough for 1,000 tons; 18 acres of land; large orchard and garden with nearly all kinds of fruit; best springs in the country; lath-posted and wire fence all around; tenant's house, with barn, near the farm, all nearly new; also furniture. Price $34,000; one-third down, the balance in one to five years at 8 per cent per annum. Apply to E. T. WADLOW, Winfield, Du Page Co., Ill.

TO EXCHANGE.

TO EXCHANGE—FOR CHICAGO PROPERTY, A 2-story and basement brick house in Jersey City, N. J.; value, $15,000. BARKER & WAIT, 152 Dearborn-st.

TO EXCHANGE—160 ACRES OF LAND IN Plymouth Co., Ia., for house and lot in Chicago worth $2,000; will pay cash difference. B. CORNELL & CO., 126 Clark-st., Room 4.

TO EXCHANGE—FOR COUNTRY PROPERTY AND cash, a choice tract of 24 acres at Washington Heights, lying close to dummy station on Rock Island Railroad, and within 7 miles distance of the improved portion of Morgan Park, suitable for immediate subdivision. Call from 11 to 1. KIRK B. NEWELL, Room 18, 94 Washington.

TO EXCHANGE—240 ACRES OF SPLENDID LAND in Iowa; would like a good house on a leased lot for L. H. WHITNEY, 146 LaSalle-st., basement.

TO EXCHANGE—VALUABLE AND PRODUCTIVE property on State-st. for a good farm within 50 miles of Chicago. Inquire of PIERCE & STREETER, Room 2, 183 East Madison-st.

TO EXCHANGE—A GROCERY STORE LOCATED on one of the most prominent corners in the city, doing large business, etc., etc. Cash value $7,500. H. S. KNIGHT, 93 Washington-st.

TO EXCHANGE—WE HAVE SEVERAL CHOICE pieces of property for exchange. House and lot No. 71 Aberdeen-st., with 27x125 feet, for 1 to near Central Park. $7,000. 108 West Madison-st.

TO EXCHANGE—FEED-MILL WITH POWER AND fixtures to grind 18 to 20 tons daily, central location, now doing a fine city business, to trade for unincumbered property. A. M. HITT, 145 LaSalle-st., Room 19.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

South Side.

43 AND 45 EAST MONROE-ST., OPPOSITE PALMer House—New house: from $5 per week; English family; rooms also to let by day-board $4; late 40 Harrison-st.

470 WABASH-AV.—FURNISHED OR UNFURnished front and back parlors, one single room, with board. Only those who wish to pay a good price need apply.

MICHIGAN-AV., NEAR SIXTEENTH-ST.—HANDsome suite of front rooms to rent, with board. Only those who are willing to pay a living price need apply. Everything first-class; references exchanged. Address N 54, Tribune office.

West Side.

271 WEST JACKSON-ST.—TWO OR THREE gentlemen can be accommodated with board on very moderate terms.

North Side.

308 INDIANA-ST.—ONE NICELY FURNISHED or unfurnished room, with board.

BOARD WANTED.

BOARD—FOR A SINGLE MAN IN A GOOD family who lives on South Side and near a street railroad. Address THOMPSON, Tribune office.

BOARD—BY A GENTLEMAN AND WIFE—WITH pleasantly furnished front room on first floor in a strictly private family, either on West Washington-st., Wabash or Michigan-av. Gentleman absent during the week. Room but first-class need respond. Address, immediately, E F 8, Atlantic Hotel, city.

BOARD—A YOUNG GENTLEMAN DESIRES A home in a private family on the North Side; can give good reference. Q 76, Tribune office.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—AT A BARGAIN—AN ALMOST NEW burglar-proof bank safe; the very latest and best contrivance; will be sold at much less price than any safe agent can sell as good for. JOHN H. AVERY & CO., 143 Monroe-st., Room 1.

FOR SALE—CHEAP, FINE FIXTURES AND counters, suitable for clothing, dry goods, or shoe house. Apply at 207 North Wells-st.

FOR SALE—BUTCHER FIXTURES. APPLY AT 1459 State-st., corner Thirty-second.

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TO-DAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

HOOLEY'S THEATRE—Randolph street, between Clark and LaSalle. The Great Adolphi Company. Minstrelsy, Farce, and Variety.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Halsted street, between Madison and Monroe. Engagement of John Dillon. "The Lancashire Lass."

EXPOSITION BUILDING—Lakeshore, foot of Adams street. "Paris by Moonlight." Afternoon and evening.

TWENTY-THIRD-ST. BASE BALL GROUNDS—Game between the White Stockings and Franklins for the benefit of the Home of the Friendless.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

ATTENTION SIR KNIGHTS.—A special conclave of Apollo Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, will be held this Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, at Asylum, for work on the order of the K. T. Visiting Sir Knights courteously invited. By order of the E. C.
B. B. W. LOCKE, Recorder.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 308, A. F. & A. M.—Regular Communication this (Tuesday) evening, in their hall, No. 73 Monroe-st., for business and work. The fraternity cordially invited to meet with us.
C. H. CRANE, Sec'y.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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The Chicago Tribune.

Tuesday Morning, July 28, 1874.

The companies that insured Staaden and Anderson, the alleged incendiaries, will probably join now in a general effort to stop careless underwriting.

No more of the Walker will case until Sept. 21. Lovers of strong meat will miss the daily reports of the proceedings in court. A file of Chicago papers of recent date would be a mine to the excellent Charles Reade. His admirers should see to it that he is placed in possession of the facts.

Judge Williams rendered a decision yesterday in a suit instituted by the heirs of the late Stephen A. Douglas for the recovery of certain property said to have illegally alienated from them. The ground of action was that the executor of the estate had an interest in a sale which was made by him. The Court awarded the property sold to Robert and Stephen Douglas, debarring the widow from participation because she had been guilty of laches.

The Peace Conference at Brussels opened yesterday, and sat for an hour. The sessions are to be held with closed doors. Recent files of the English papers are noticeable for the unanimity of opinion which they express concerning the wisdom of Lord Derby's policy in regard to this Conference. It seems to be generally treated as a menace to the naval powers, and much satisfaction is expressed that the representative sent by England will exercise merely the functions of an intelligent reporter.

In THE TRIBUNE of Sunday there was published a series of interviews with persons concerned in the promotion of the Citizens' Association. In one of these there were some remarks derogatory to the character of Mr. Emery A. Storrs, the Secretary of the Association, which furnish us occasion to say that we have good reason to believe that this brilliant young lawyer has, since he joined the Good Templars, some months since, made a most commendable and thus far successful effort to reform those personal habits which alone have prevented him from taking an exalted position in society and in the State.

News from the Custer expedition to the Black Hills was received at the Army Headquarters in this city yesterday. At the time of writing, the expedition was 170 miles in a direct line from Lincoln, and within about 12 miles of the Montana boundary. It had suffered no molestation from Indians. The country traversed is said to be most beautiful, excellent for grazing and general farming. Some sections are described in terms that are really enthusiastic. Little is said of the scientific results thus far reached, but this could hardly have been expected in a military report sent by telegraph. There is every reason to expect that these will be entirely satisfactory.

Messrs. Egan and Karls have been chosen by the Common Council to superintend the construction of the new Court-House and City-Hall. The County Commissioners have already elected Egan, and will doubtless agree to Karls without a murmur. This is a fair divide, as far as it goes, between the Irish and German voters. It might go further. A school-census, or something of the kind less ironical in its relation to the principles involved, might be taken; and it would then be an easy thing for Germans and Irishmen to do the whole work in exact proportion to the "claims" of the two nationalities. These claims, of course, are derived from the power of wielding the brute vote.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton has given to a newspaper reporter something new in regard to the charges against Mr. Beecher. She says that Mr. Tilton made to her and Mrs. Bullard, about a year before the Woodhull's publication, the same statement in substance as he has given to the public; that on the same night Mrs. Tilton confessed to Miss Susan B. Anthony her criminal relations to Mr. Beecher; that Mr. Sam Wilkeson, who a few days ago charged Tilton with attempting blackmail, knew of the truth several years ago, and assisted in securing concealment. Mrs. Stanton dealt roughly by Mr. Wilkeson, saying that his reasons for wishing to hush up the scandal were that he was a stockholder in Plymouth Church, the *Christian Union*, and the "Life of Christ." Persons to whom Mrs. Stanton is known need not be assured that her character for veracity is above reproach.

The Chicago produce markets were rather slow yesterday, except in corn. Mess pork was in moderate demand, and $1.00 higher, closing at $23.25 cash, and $23.50 seller September. Lard was quiet and steady, closing at $11.75@11.80 cash or seller August. Meats were moderately active and firm, at 7¾@7¾c for shoulders, 9¾c for short ribs, 10@10¼c for short clear, and 12@12¼c for sweet-pickled hams. Highwines were quiet and stronger, at 96c per gallon. Lake freights were dull and weak, at 2¾@2¾c for corn to Buffalo. Flour was very quiet, and unchanged. Wheat was quiet and a shade easier, closing at $1.08¼ cash, $1.05¾@1.05¾ seller the month, and $1.16 for No. 2 Minnesota. Corn was less active, and ¼@½c lower, closing firm at 63½c cash, and 61¼@61½c seller August. Oats were quiet and ½@1c lower, closing at 47c for old, 43c for new, and 35½c seller August. Rye was quiet and 6c higher, at 90c. Barley was quiet and firmer, closing at $1.05 cash or seller September. Hogs in scant supply, and sold at 5c advance. Sales at $6.50@7.05. Cattle were quiet and steady. Sheep dull and unchanged.

The resolutions adopted by the National Board of Underwriters at their recent meeting in New York have come to hand, and are published elsewhere. They are a recommendation to the insurance companies belonging to the Board to withdraw their Chicago agencies on Oct. 1, unless certain specified reforms are made by the city authorities. These reform measures are the extending of the fire-limits to the city-limits; the passage of a stringent building law; the complete reorganization of the Fire Department; the increase of water facilities; the establishment of a Fire-Marshal's Bureau, charged with investigation into the origin of fires, and power to punish incendiaries; the passage of a law which shall secure the gradual removal of the lumber-yards and special hazards to isolated localities. Every one of these demands is reasonable. They are pressed respectfully and yet with an earnestness of language that leaves no room for doubt as to the sincerity of the Board. The city cannot afford to treat them disdainfully, or to assume that the insurance business has any direct connection with general philanthropy. The insurance business is based on that cardinal motive in all political economy, an enlightened selfishness. The same kind of a mentor should be consulted by the city in its dealings with the companies.

THE PITTSBURG FLOOD.

The brief telegraphic announcement in THE TRIBUNE of yesterday of heavy rains in and about Pittsburg gave no intimation of the frightful disaster which is reported in detail this morning. Pittsburg is situated at the confluence of the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers, with steep hills all about it. Allegheny City is on the opposite shore of the Allegheny River, to the northwest of the city. The hill-sides are intersected at irregular intervals with runs or gulches, which form natural channels for any large waterfall from above. The heavy rains of Sunday night filled these gulches, and the water swept down the hills with resistless impetuosity, carrying death and desolation in its course. The area over which this flood is said to have extended is described as from 20 to 25 miles in diameter, and astonishment is expressed that the torrents did not sweep down over the entire city. As it was, the damage done was confined mainly to the less attractive suburbs of Pittsburg and Allegheny City, including Temperanceville and one or two other neighboring boroughs. The devastated district was filled up with slaughter-houses, small manufacturing establishments, and the homes of the working classes. The value of the property destroyed is not, therefore, so great as if the flood had reached other and richer sections of the city. But this is insignificant as compared to the loss of life. More than 100 bodies have already been recovered; it is known that nearly 150 lives have been lost; and it is believed with good reason that 200 men, women, and children have perished.

Verily, this is an age of flood, fire, and fury. The Pittsburg horror is one of a class over which we can only mourn. It seems to belong to the category of catastrophes which are called unavoidable. When such a storm comes suddenly upon a city, as did this, and Nature provides the channels for a free passage on its way of destruction, there is nothing to be said that will atone for the sufferings it brought with it, not even in the way of pointing out protection for the future. The flood carried everything before it. Its force was as great, sudden, and impetuous as that of the Mill River Reservoir when it broke away from its barriers. There was no running away from it. It washed away iron bridges, picked up houses and set them down in new places, tore up stones in the street to assist in the work of destruction, and even overturned stone walls which vainly endeavored to impede its angry progress. Strong men were helpless as children, and women died from fright. People who had gone to church returned to find their homes swept away, and might have gone back to church to thank God they had left those homes in time to save their lives. The scenes and incidents related of this great trial have all the varied and terrible interest of great struggles for life, and, in reading the accounts that come to us we can only rejoice that the City of Pittsburg escaped. The theory of a water-spout or cloud-burst is advanced, not without plausibility, as the explanation of the flood; of this we speak in another article. But, whatever the final explanation may be, the disaster seems to have been a kind that cannot be averted by human skill or forethought.

INCENDIARISM.

The fire on North Clark street yesterday morning seems to have been a clear case of incendiarism. The house was one of those small frame buildings permitted to be erected within the old fire-limits after the fire of 1871, and belongs to the class subject to be taken down under the notice given by the Board of Public Works. Nicholas Staaden occupies the building, No. 219 North Clark street, as a retail hardware store. He was insured in various companies in the sum of $14,000 on his stock of goods, fixtures, and building. The fire was discovered in time to extinguish it. The police and firemen who entered the building discovered also the preparations for its destruction, and these were so extraordinary and so complete that we have thought them worthy of a particular description, and to explain them we give a diagram of the premises as found by the police. On one side of the store was a box of rags saturated with kerosene, and near it a box of resin, from which was a line of kerosene-soaked rags to a pile of kindling-wood in the rear part of the store, the wood also prepared with kerosene. On the other side of the store was a stove loaded with kerosene rags and a charge of powder, and inside in the stove was found a lighted candle; a box of resin was placed near by, and from the stove was laid a fuse to three kegs of powder. From the stove was also laid a line of rags, soaked with kerosene, extending back to the pile of kindling-wood. The preparations were sufficient to blow up a five-story warehouse. Had it succeeded, no one would ever have been able to tell what caused the fire. It is evident that whoever made these preparations intended that there should be no failure. In case the lighted candle failed to communicate with the rags and powder in the stove, and thus lead to a general explosion, the fire started in the box on the other side of the room was expected to communicate at first, by means of the line of oiled rags, to the kindling wood, and back by the other line of rags to the kegs of powder. Fortunately, the fire was discovered as soon as it blazed up, and before it had time to communicate with the means of destruction. Staaden has been arrested, and, among the many circumstances alleged against him, it is claimed that the amount of his insurance far exceeded the value of the stock in store, and that he sent his family away from the city last week. His name is also connected with the firing of other premises occupied by him. We do not propose to discuss the guilt of Staaden now. He is in the hands of the law. What we wish to call attention to is the unquestionable evidence of incendiarism furnished by the materials and their arrangement in this store. It would have required but a few minutes longer time to have placed the causes of this fire beyond all discovery. The building would have been torn to pieces, and the wreck would have been ablaze.

If anything more than the Staaden case were necessary to awaken the city authorities to the dangers of the times, and to convict the insurance companies of careless underwriting, it was furnished a few hours later by the discovery of another attempt at arson. This occurred in the South Division. The facts are irresistible. A fire broke out in a frame house on Portland avenue, but it was almost immediately subdued without the aid of the Department. An inspection of the premises showed that a large wax taper had been placed on a pile of kindling-wood and paper, and left to burn. The occupant of the apartments was a man named Anderson. He had given the keys of his rooms to a family overhead about an hour before the discovery of the flames, with the explanation that his own wife and children were away and he was about to begin his day's work at a distance. The presumption is that the person who lit the tall wax candle had reason to know there would be nobody in the Anderson part of the house when the kindling-wood was reached. It is hardly necessary to add that Anderson was well insured, and the family overhead was not.

Thus have two attempts at arson been discovered in a single morning. They tend to show that, under the mystery which surrounds the origin of fires occurring seemingly without cause, there is often incendiarism, and incendiarism of that deliberate kind which provides for the destruction of all ordinary evidences by which it may be established. While it does not follow that every unexplainable case of fire is due to arson, we have the evidence that arson is a not uncommon crime, and that it furnishes a sufficient explanation of fires which on any other hypothesis are unaccountable. In this case, whoever may be found guilty of this deliberate preparation for the firing and destruction of the building, should meet such condign punishment as will at least deter others who may be contemplating a like crime.

SOUTHERN POLITICS.

The newspapers which are still busy in suppressing the Rebellion and abolishing slavery are in ecstasies over the White Leagues of the South. They use it as the old gentleman with a story about a gun used his foot. He would stamp on the floor, start up, and say: "Eh, eh, what's that?—a gun? Well, speaking of guns reminds me," etc. So the truly loyal editor writes "White League," looks at it, and shrieks in print: "White League! Ah, traitors. Here, help! Save the Republic! Stuff the ballot-boxes again, back up the carpet-baggers, help the rogues,—help them, or that dreadful, disloyal League will destroy the glorious Union, the blood-sealed greenback, and the ransomed colored brother, by actually establishing honest government in the South!" It is a frightful prospect. The shrieking journalists sketch it again and again. The raw-head-and-bloody-bones story has a fearful fascination to them. They are half-persuaded that they believe what they write.

We have already condemned the idea of the White League. Race should be the last consideration in politics. Moreover, the whites are not strong enough, in the worst-governed States, to right their wrongs alone. But we protest against the doctrine so industriously taught that these Leagues have been formed with malice prepense, without provocation, for the sake of maltreating the negroes, and of doing by bullets what ballots cannot accomplish. The fact is that the white Southerners have borne insult and outrage long and patiently. *Mutatis mutandis*, Chicago would have long since been in revolt had she had New Orleans' fate. The whites have seen unutterable corruption among their rulers, and have been howled down when they feebly protested. They have seen sworn election-returns changed, from hour to hour, to meet the news of Opposition gains in outlying parts of the State. They have seen a drunken Judge, backed by bayonets, put into power a Governor whom all America knows was never elected. Negro insolence has grown with white subjection. The defeat of the Civil-Rights bill at Washington was followed by a storm of vituperation by Southern blacks and their allies against Southern whites. Davenport, the colored Chancery Clerk of Vicksburg County, made a speech to a negro audience which loudly cheered his passionate declaration that the white race must yield to the coming man, the negro. He named the daughters of the first white families of the city, and coarsely predicted their future marriage with men of his race. Similar speeches have been made in the Mississippi Legislature. T. W. Cardozo, Mississippi State Superintendent of Education, a colored carpet-bagger from South Carolina, publishes in Fred Douglass' *Era* the statement that it is "better that the whole State of Tennessee should be reduced to ashes" than that the Civil-Rights bill should fail. Such violent language has been the rule. It is but natural that the whites, thus attacked by the blacks, should accept the issue forced upon them. The whole trouble in Vicksburg, on account of which Gov. Davis has asked for a garrison of United States troops, was the work of the colored population. At least, it seems so. After due allowance has been made for the exaggerations of both sides, the true story is apparently about as follows: The city, with a valuation of $6,000,000, owes $1,000,000. Taxation is enormous, and business is crushed under it. Last month, the negroes nominated a city ticket. Ten of the thirteen nominees are black. The white man proposed for Mayor is under indictment for perjury and blackmailing. A ticket of white men was at once proposed. Then Davenport made the speech already referred to. The city was in commotion over it, but there was no rioting. The negro militia patrolled the streets and arrested all the whites they could catch. Then, and not till then, did the whites organize. Their patrols are acting with the police. It is predicted that the election of Aug. 4 will be quiet, and that not twenty white men will vote the negro ticket. When such conditions exist, a "White League" or something like it is the almost inevitable result. Yet it would have been wiser for the whites to have nominated a ticket composed of men of both races. They cannot crush dishonesty alone. They have not enough votes. Let them make common cause with the colored men who have wit enough to see the abyss into which the negro-ridden States are plunging. But if such men are not to be found, if the honest negroes prefer to cling to their race rather than to their characters, then the whole South may be forced into the attitude of the Mobile *Register*, when it says:

> The people of Alabama have been resisting this issue for years, and now they have to decide between thrashing the negro party at the polls and seizing the reins of Government, or sinking into the domestic hell of South Carolina and Louisiana. *Mutatis mutandis*, we apprehend that New York and Massachusetts would not stop a hundredth part of a minute to debate the question.

CLOUD-BURSTS.

Within the last few years the breaking of water-spouts,—if that is a proper name for the phenomenon,—like that which desolated a town in Nevada last week, has been frequently noticed. Nor is it confined to mountainous districts. A few years ago a water-spout, or the bursting of a cloud, caused very serious damage near the bridge of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway across the Rock River, three miles west of Dixon; and a similar disaster also befell the same road a few miles east of Dixon. There is an abundance of evidence in most parts of the country that they have occurred in all of its past history. Especially is this true along the line of the Pacific Railway. Broad beds of streams perfectly dry are common in the Black Hills and Rocky Mountain districts, which show plainly the action of terrible torrents not many years previous. Experienced railway-men have given it as their opinion that sufficient allowance is not made in the construction of our roads to let off the water in such cases. A similar disaster occurred in Southern Minnesota recently, where very considerable damage was done, and a few years since the President of the Michigan Southern Railway and many passengers came near losing their lives, not far from Mishawaka, from the same cause. Several persons in the car next to them were drowned.

Some years earlier, a portion of the City of Denver, Col., was submerged in the night-time by a flood coming down the valley of Cherry Creek, of which the inhabitants had had no previous warning. A cloud had burst on the side of the mountain so far distant that no sign of its existence could be discerned, and spilled its contents into the upper valley of Cherry Creek. This creek had been dry for many years—so dry that its bed had been surveyed and laid off in town lots and built upon, constituting, indeed, one of the most thickly-settled parts of Denver. The flood struck the town shortly after midnight, and in an instant of time swept off every vestige of human habitation and handicraft in the old bed of the creek and adjacent thereto, destroying many lives and a large amount of property, which was hurled into the South Platte, which latter stream was raised several feet in a few minutes.

Probably nothing can be done to ward off the calamities that often result from "cloud-bursts" or water-spouts, but they certainly are worthy of careful study. Some rules may possibly be drawn from the appearance of the clouds, by which people whose homes may be located in valleys liable to inundation may be warned in time to reach a place of safety. The phenomenon of a cloud-burst consists of the sudden, perhaps instantaneous, condensation of a vast quantity of warm moisture in the atmosphere by coming in contact with the cold side of a mountain, or with a current of cold air. It is not improbable that the awful disaster at Pittsburg on Sunday was identical in its nature with the cloud-bursts of Colorado, Arizona, and Nevada.

THE FREEDMEN OF RUSSIA.

A committee of inquiry has been investigating the condition of the emancipated serfs of Russia. Its conclusions are somewhat gloomy. The morality and the comfort of the peasants in the Northwest have sensibly increased, but this holds true of no other part of the country. Nay, there is an exception in the Northwest. The inhabitants of the marshy lowlands show no signs of improvement. Buckle, who was the first Englishman to formulate the influence of the physical aspects of a country upon its inhabitants, would rejoice in this as a proof of his theories. Elsewhere in Russia, a slight gain in comfort has not been accompanied by any increased thoroughness of work or better method of living. In the North, the East, and the Centre, no material advance can be detected, while the standard of morality has either stood still or sunk. There is an enormous consumption of fiery liquors, except in the South. All gatherings, political, social, judicial, even religious, serve as pretexts for intoxication. So far is this carried that a criminal is apt to be sentenced, in atonement for his fault, to treat his Judges to drinks! This lack of advance under freedom has been largely seized upon by the whilom foes of emancipation. The attribute every evil to the decree that struck the fetters from the serfs. They are partially right. No law can change children into men in a day. When a man has been dwarfed by serfdom for many years, he will be very likely to fail to comprehend the blessings of freedom and to abuse them.

There are, however, other reasons. Climatic causes produce intemperance. The lack of education degrades the whole race of peasants. The standard of comfort has been lowered by centuries of want. The ex-serfs are content with little. No desire spurs them on. Again, the land laws practically prevent individuals from becoming land-owners. Russia is organized into communes. The land has been transferred from the nobility to the communes. Many evils result from this. The peasant had one tyrant over him. He now has hundreds of petty tyrants. He can acquire no land in his own name, no matter what price he may offer for it, unless two-thirds the residents in his commune agree to the sale. The result is that scarcely any sales have been made. No peasant can leave his commune unless he pays up his full share of the indemnity which the commune pays in yearly installments to the ex-owners of its lands. When he cannot do this he is still bound to the soil. The communal offices are largely sought. Their occupants grow mysteriously rich. The "servants of the people" are said to steal more than the servants of the seigneur once did. The peasant's burdens are certainly heavier than before. The national taxes are nearly all ground out of him. Of one impost, which yields the Government 208,000,000 roubles (about $166,000,000), one-sixteenth falls upon the noble land-owners. The peasants pay 195,000,000. In many places the revenue of the communal lands will not pay the taxes on them. In some cases, the tax is four or five times as great as the revenue. As the commune is responsible, as a whole, for the payment of taxes, the more wealthy peasants decline to use their money productively, lest their goods should be seized to make up for the deficits of their poorer neighbors. They hide their wealth. The climate has changed for the worse in many localities, because the forests have been recklessly cut down. Surrounded by such a complication of new evils, it is not strange that the peasant seeks forgetfulness in drink. It is evident that the work of emancipation has been bunglingly done. In fact, a French critic, writing in the *Journal des Economiste*, says: "What remains to be done is neither less important nor less difficult than what has been done."

MACMAHON AND FRANCE.

MacMahon has at last seen that the French people cannot agree upon a form of government. Neither Republicans, Monarchists, nor Bonapartists are in a majority sufficiently strong to carry the country. But they are numerous enough to quarrel incessantly, much to the injury of unfortunate France. French politicians are all by the ears. It has seemed the whole time as if the President of the Republic would be the happiest of men if somebody could be found to replace him. He would willingly forsake the court for the camp. In the court he is a fish out of water. In the camp he is at home. But the man to save France and give her a government is not forthcoming. MacMahon is tired of waiting. He is beginning to let Frenchmen feel that they have tried long enough to find a successor. French politicians, Orleanists, Bourbonists, Bonapartists, Republicans, are aware that the old soldier has observed their failure and their incompetency. He is satisfied now, since facts have opened his eyes to the real state of affairs, that his own is the only government France is ready to receive. He has been named the ruler of France for the space of seven years, and he has made up his mind, it would seem, that he shall continue to rule till the time prescribed by the law establishing the Septennate has elapsed. He is therefore putting a quietus on Monarchists, Bonapartists, and Republicans alike. The Marshal has been very friendly to Count de Chambord; but even the Count, by his late manifesto claiming to be by birth the rightful King of France, has incurred his displeasure. Indeed, the letter of De Chambord came well-nigh producing a political crisis, and making a worse mess of French politics than they are at the present time. Were it not for the belief now prevalent, that MacMahon has the ability to hold all parties and factions in the country in check, and that he is fully determined to exercise his ability in that direction, the letter of Henry V. would have been attended by some very serious consequences. The Assembly and MacMahon are not very friendly, and there are not wanting those who think that a *coup d' etat* is contemplated by the Marshal-President. The *coup d'etat* would consist in the violent dissolution of the Assembly. Such a dissolution would be illegal, but it is the general impression that the country would support the President in it. The *Union*, which published De Chambord's manifesto, was suspended for fifteen days, for, as it expresses it, obeying the orders of the King,—that is, of the man who calls himself Henry V.

If MacMahon should dissolve the French Assembly, and claim the right to rule France for seven years, he would probably be doing one of the few acts that can bring peace and prosperity to France. He seems to be the only power which a majority of the nation will obey or acknowledge as their leader. Under such circumstances, he has at least one undoubted title to govern.

ROME AND GERMANY.

The German Catholics have held a meeting in Mayence, and issued a pronunciamento not in all things favorable to the German Empire. Bismarck has read it, and his fears that his French enemies have found an ally in Germany are confirmed, if they needed confirmation. The Catholics assembled at Mayence have raised the standard of rebellion against the principles of the German Constitution. While this demonstration was going on at Mayence, the Pope was exhibiting himself at Rome from a window of his palace to the crowd who demanded his blessing, telling them he was a prisoner, and expressing the hope that he would yet be free. At the same time or thereabouts, the Catholicism of the Bavarian Chambers was breaking out in speeches foreboding dissolution to the Empire. It is not probable that the utterances of a few Catholics assembled at Mayence, of an aged priest at Rome, and of a few Bavarian representatives, can shake the German Empire or add very much to the discomfort of Bismarck. Germany has undertaken to nationalize the Catholic Church within its boundaries. It is not likely that it will succeed, since even German Catholics do not care for a peculiarly German religion. But whether it succeeds or not in its efforts in this direction, it should be prepared to accept the consequences of its attempt. It should not expect that when Catholics meet at Mayence or the German Bishops at Fulda, they should break forth into acclamations over the ecclesiastical legislation of the Reichstag, or, after the example of Lord Russell, send a message of sympathy to the Emperor in his contest with Rome. Catholic clergymen and Catholic laymen will not be likely to pass resolutions approving of the imprisonment of Archbishop Ledochowski or the expatriation of the Jesuits. And yet this is, it seems, precisely what the German press anticipates.

The three facts above referred to are interpreted by some as the foreboding of another Thirty Years' War. Already the old battle-flags are seen waving. By the ominous light of recent events may be observed the contending armies of 250 years ago that desolated Germany and made her one of the poorest nations in the world. From Paris and Rome, the headquarters of Germany's enemy, orders, we are told, are issued. Richelieu and Father Joseph are replaced now by Falloux, Dupanloup, and Beckx. How far the lines of the enemy extend into Germany is not known; but there are those who claim to be convinced that the first battles are to be fought in South Germany. The work of France is being done by German Catholics. It is done in a manner all the more injurious to Germany, as the enemies are those of her own household. Germany is growing uneasy. She knows that France is preparing for the next great conflict. She knows, too, that the enthusiasm for the Empire is, if anything, on the wane. She must pick the bone with Rome and France at the same time. It looks as if she would soon find a chance to do so. Should Catholic Bavaria desert her in her hour of need—a not probable contingency—she need not be surprised. She has sown persecution; she will reap disaffection, perhaps disloyalty.

WHAT THE COMET IS MADE OF.

Coggia's comet has left us, and is now some 30 degrees south from the sun. Its tail is now visible to dwellers in the Southern Hemisphere, and in another day or two the nucleus will flash into the view of observers in Australia and South America. We find the following in a late issue of the London *Times*, written by George M. Seabroke, the Astronomer at Rugby, England. It will be observed that his deductions are almost exactly in accord with those already published in THE TRIBUNE, made by our "home talent":

> The nucleus, or bright point of the comet, gave a continuous spectrum, or light of all colors. The fan-shaped part preceding the nucleus gave also a faint continuous spectrum crossed by three bright bands, showing the presence of light of three different colors only. From the faint part preceding the fan there was a spectrum of three bands only; and in the spectrum of the tail, now some five millions of miles long, the same bands appeared, together with a faint continuous spectrum. The interpretation of these results is briefly this: A continuous spectrum shows the presence of either a solid, liquid, or gas at high pressure, so the nucleus consists of one of these three, most probably of a solid—whether a solid ball or a thick cluster of small bodies does not appear, but the latter is more probable. The faint continuous spectrum of the fan shows a constitution similar to that of the nucleus, and it is probably a more diffused cluster of small bodies, but the bright bands from it show the presence of a gas, and they are similar to the bands found in the spectrum of an incandescent gas consisting of carbon and hydrogen, such as the blue base of a gas flame; so there is evidence here of a hydro-carbon in a gaseous state mixed with these small bodies forming the fan. The bands only from the part preceding the fan show the presence of this gas extending beyond the solid particles. The spectrum of the tail is evidence of its gaseous nature, but it also contains a certain quantity of solid particles sufficient to give the faint continuous spectrum. Of late years it has been shown that certain comets and clusters of meteorites, such as give us those showers of August and November, travel on the same paths through space, and it is highly probable that some of the large comets mentioned by the ancients are now represented by flocks of meteorites; and now we have another clue to the constitution of comets,—namely, that they are clusters of meteorites surrounded by a hydro-carbon gas. How this gas obtains its luminosity it is difficult to say, but it seems possible that a gas need not always be heated, in our ordinary sense, in order to render it luminous.

THE CROPS.

Reports from Various Quarters.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., July 27.—The very heavy thunder-storm last night ended the long-continued drought, and insured the safety of the corn crop. The chinch-bugs had done some damage, but the rain has drowned them out, and corn prospects are excellent. The crop will probably yield 50 to 60 bushels to the acre.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LASALLE, Ill., July 27.—An intelligent farmer of the southern part of LaSalle Township says that unless copious rains visit the southern part of LaSalle County this week corn in that region will not amount to more than half a crop, and that potatoes will prove an almost total failure. No prospect of rain has yet appeared.

OMAHA, Neb., July 27.—Additional reports from all sections of the State relative to the grasshoppers are very discouraging. In Dawson County there will not be enough corn raised for seed. The corn, bean, and potato crops of the Pawnee Indians were totally destroyed. Without additional aid from the Government they cannot but suffer most severely. The grasshoppers will reach the river by Thursday, clearing everything.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

KANKAKEE, Ill., July 27.—Kankakee County is in a deplorable condition. No rain has visited us for weeks, and vegetation is literally burning up. The fields are as brown as in Indian summer. Corn is rolling and turning yellow. Already one-half of the crop has been hopelessly ruined, and but a few days are left in which to insure the remainder. Within the past three days two fires have been started in fields adjoining the railroads by sparks from passing locomotives. On Saturday last, the thermometer stood at 108 degrees in the shade; a hot wind swept over the country, withering vegetation like a blast from a furnace. Truly, our prospects, so fair six weeks ago, are now disheartening.

The Cotton Crop in South Carolina.

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 27.—The cotton caterpillars have made their appearance in force in Orangeburg County, in the interior of this State, as well as on the coast. Unfavorable weather and the lateness of the crop make planters apprehensive that the worm will do serious harm.

OBITUARY.

The Hon. George W. Morris.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

GIDDAN, Ill., July 27.—The Hon. George W. Morris, of Onarga, formerly of Cook County, and one of the wealthiest men in this section, died suddenly at Seneca, Kan., to-day.

Commodore Thompson Daragh Shaw.

PHILADELPHIA, July 27.—Commodore Thompson Daragh Shaw, a retired officer of the navy, died yesterday at Germantown, aged 75 years.

Anselm Rothschild.

VIENNA, July 27.—Anselm Rothschild died to-day.

AMUSEMENTS.

HOOLEY'S THEATRE.

The audience at Hooley's Theatre last evening reminded one of the palmier days of the legitimate comedy in this charming house, or of the not less notable success of the Adelphi during the past season. Inasmuch as every night of the new variety combination under Mr. Grover's management is a ladies' night, the sight of so many of the other sex was not a surprise. Mr. Grover, while he has been driven to organize a company in haste, has displayed that fertility in expedients which renders him so formidable an opponent among managers. The same ingenuity which drove the champions of the East from Chicago routed and despondent has collected the materials of different phases of the drama, and judiciously blended them into one entertainment of a very enjoyable description. It is not surprising that his name as a manager should guarantee an overflowing house on an opening night, but it is surprising that the performance, with such little time for organization, should be so agreeable. As stated Sunday, Mr. Grover has combined for one evening's entertainment the most attractive features of negro-minstrelsy and variety business, and has added to them a strong element in a farce by a comedian of great popularity—Mr. C. B. Bishop. The minstrel feature of the entertainment consists of the ordinary first part, with Carter, Sarridge, Courtwright, Wilson, and Kayne in comic and pathetic ditties. Then come Wayne and Lovely in their intimitable songs and dances. The variety feature commences with a Swedish cantatrice of no very great merit. Nicolo Norton, the juggler, is an excellent feature, and deserves a good mention. Sanford and Moulton, the musical mokes, are well known, and where known must be admired. The operatic sketch, "A Terrible Fix," is at once legitimate and burlesque, and gives Miss Wren and James Collins an excellent opportunity. Billy Courtwright has been a favorite in this city ever since he arrived, and deserves the position he holds in the public favor. His sketch of "My Only Friend" we have taken occasion to notice before, and briefly refer to it as an excellent, pathetic piece of negro-minstrelsy. Miss Jennie Morgan completes the variety performance. The performance concludes with Bishop's polkering farce of "Wanted—1,000 Young Milliners," which will ever be associated with Bishop's plump figure and rather well-developed limbs. The bill is a good one, but will be changed Thursday to make room for more novelties.

A STOCK RAID IN WYOMING.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OMAHA, Neb., July 27.—Gen. Ord has a telegram that the Indians yesterday run off seventy horses from the range a short distance west of Medicine Bow, Wyoming. War parties of Cheyennes and Arrapahoes have been seen near Rawlins. Nothing has been heard of Capt. Wessels, who went after the Indians that attacked the miners at Seminole.

THE COUNCIL.

Egan and Karls Elected Court-House Architects.

The Matter Forced Through in the Face of All Opposition.

Miscellaneous Business Transacted.

The Council met in regular session yesterday evening, President Dixon in the chair.

After the receipt of a communication from the Mayor relative to the demands of the National Board of Underwriters, given elsewhere, the regular routine was taken up.

STREET-EXTENSIONS, ETC.

Orders were passed for an ordinance for opening Park avenue from Stanton avenue to California avenue; also to fill and pave Madison street from Webster avenue to California avenue.

An ordinance granting the right to lay a street railway on North avenue, from Milwaukee avenue to the city limits, was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The Board of Public Works reported that, before a sewer can be laid on Ashland avenue, filling will have to done at a cost of $27,000.

HEALING INJURIES.

The Finance Committee reported, recommending the payment of $2,000 to Gustav Schall, for damages received by him in falling from a unguarded sidewalk on Dearborn street. The report was concurred in.

RAILROAD MATTERS.

The Committee on Railroads reported, recommending that the Corporation Counsel assist property-owners along the line of the Chicago, Danville & Vincennes Railroad in obtaining damages sustained by the right of way. Concurred in.

The same Committee reported recommending that permission be granted to run a dummy engine from the Great Eastern Railway track to the German burying-ground. Laid over.

The same Committee reported that the Council has no power to compel street-railway companies to pay license for cars. Concurred in.

STREET NUMBERS.

An ordinance was passed authorizing the Board of Public Works to change street numbers when in their judgement it becomes necessary.

THE INDIANA STREET RAILROAD.

Majority and minority reports from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, West Division, were received, on the subject of the street-railway track on West Indiana street, the majority recommending that permission be granted, and the minority adversely thereto. Both reports were laid over.

COURT-HOUSE ARCHITECTS.

Ald. Hildreth moved that the Council proceed to elect two Court-House architects.

Ald. Lynch moved that three be elected.

Ald. Sidwell moved to indefinitely postpone action in the matter. The motion was lost, the only affirmative votes being those of Ald. Sidwell, Stone, Clark, Schaffner, Corcoran, and Jonas.

Ald. Schaffner moved that five architects be elected.

Ald. Cullerton insisted that the proper course was to vote on concurrence in the report of the Committee on Public Buildings, which recommends the election of two architects.

Ald. Stout moved that the report be placed on file.

Ald. Cullerton moved to concur in the report.

Ald. Fitzgerald moved to amend by electing three architects. This was ruled out of order.

Ald. Schaffner hoped the report would be placed on file, and that the subject matter would be postponed. Nobody had any money to pay ordinary taxes. No interest would suffer by postponement, excepting that of a few architects, and the property immediately surrounding the Court-House Square. Give the people a chance to recover from their prostration.

Ald. Richardson said the same speech was made last Monday night, and it would be a pity to have it made twice for nothing.

Ald. Hildreth said, for Ald. Schaffner's comfort, that it would be three or four years before the rebuilding of the Court-House would draw away any trade from the Pacific Hotel. The people demanded that the $600,000 of Court-House money should be expended.

Ald. Campbell inquired if the chief of the People's party was not getting 4 per cent on that money.

Ald. Hildreth hoped he was, and moved the previous question.

The motion to place the report on file was lost by a vote of 14 to 21, as follows:

Yeas—Warren, Sidwell, Stone, T. F. Bailey, Clark, White, Quirk, Stout, Schaffner, Cannon, Murphy, Lynch, Corcoran, Jonas—14.

Nays—Richardson, Foley, Coey, Fitzgerald, Schmitz, Reidy, McCleary, Culleton, M. B. Bailey, Hildreth, O'Brien, Woodman, Kehoe, Miner, Heath, Quirk, Cleveland, Eckhardt, Mahr, Lengacher, Mr. Trude—21.

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FOREIGN.

Fresh Turmoil Yesterday in the French Assembly.

Motion for a Dissolution or the Constitutional Bills.

Fourth Day's Session of the Brussels Conference.

The Bishop of Posen Condemned to 15 Months' Imprisonment.

FRANCE.

PARIS, July 27.—At the session of the Assembly to-day, the benches of the Right were well filled, the absent members having returned. The Committee on Parliamentary Initiative made its report on the resolutions for a dissolution, recommending that the Assembly proceed to constitute a government or dissolve. After a scene of intense excitement the debate was adjourned until Wednesday. It is anticipated that consideration of the budget will occupy the Assembly until Aug. 8, about which time the House will adjourn until Nov. 15. The interval will be shorter than was expected, because the Conservatives favor that a long recess will incline the Left Centre to support a dissolution. The deputies in favor of dissolution are confident of success after the recess, and believe their opponents will have a bare majority on Wednesday, when the resolutions come to a vote.

BELGIUM.

TURIN, July 27.—A special dispatch reports that a majority of the delegates to the Brussels International Peace Congress have arrived. To-day's session, the opening one, will be devoted to an exchange of credentials and other formal preliminaries. Sir Alfred Horsford is the representative of Great Britain.

BRUSSELS, July 27.—The International Congress convened at noon to-day, and sat an hour. Baron Jomini was chosen President. It was decided that the sittings should be held with closed doors. The Congress adjourned until Thursday. A grand Congress will be given to the delegates to-morrow.

It is stated that Russia only desires the Congress assembled here to consider certain points of the programme. She does not insist on the adoption of the whole.

Borchgrave, Secretary of the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Secretary to the Congress.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, July 27.—The statement is made on official authority that Prince Leopold is seriously ill, although there is no cause for alarm.

LONDON, July 27.—A committee of the Agricultural Laborers' Union have adopted a resolution declaring "that we are not justified in the present state of the harvest for support for the spending the public money in the eastern counties during the harvest, therefore we offer them the alternative of emigrating or de[illegible] pending on their own resources." The Committee [illegible] negotiating for easier terms of emigration to Canada.

DUBLIN, July 27.—John Mitchel has arrived at Cork. He is ill, but will come to Dublin Wednesday. Fenian Amnesty Association [illegible] organizing a torchlight demonstration and banquet in his honor.

BERLIN, Member of Parliament for Meath, will resign his seat in favor of Mitchel.

LONDON, July 27.—Gaskell Bros., cotton merchants of Liverpool, have failed. Their liabilities are estimated at £480,000.

The Times' dispatches from India say the prospect of the crops is most favorable notwithstanding the recent floods. Many deaths from cholera are reported in Burdwan.

GERMANY.

BERLIN, July 27.—Dr. Janizewski, Suffragan Bishop of Posen, has been arrested for violation of the ecclesiastical laws and condemned to fifteen months' imprisonment.

BERLIN, July 27.—Dispatches from Kissengen announce that the health of Prince Bismarck is improving, but his wound is yet unhealed.

Journals here say that war between Russia and China is inevitable, in consequence of the designs of the latter upon Kashgar.

CUBA.

HAVANA, July 27.—A fight recently took place between the Spanish troops and a body of the insurgents numbering from eighty to 200. The latter stood fire well, but were finally compelled to disperse with a loss of six killed and many wounded. The Spaniards had an officer slightly and four soldiers slightly wounded. A few days after the insurgents attacked Baire, the Spaniards surprised the band of Silvero Prado, and several were killed and twelve captured. Among the captured is a son of Prado. Minor skirmishes are reported in the Santiago district, in which ten armed men have been raiding and robbing dwellings and plantations.

The Captain-General has decreed the removal of the House of Correction to the Isle of Pines.

JAPAN.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—The steamer Allons from Yokohama dates to July 4. The Japanese steamer Fai Omaru was lost June 15, on the west coast, and twenty-seven lives were lost.

News from Formosa is that the Japanese are clearing the coast of Aborigines, and the Japanese war vessels are still on the Formosan coast.

The anniversary of American Independence was properly observed at Yokohama. A grand ball was given at the American Consulate.

The comet observed from Yokohama is looked upon by the Japanese as a favorable omen in connection with the war in Formosa. Sixteen of the Formosan tribes have come to terms with Japan, and accepted the flag of that country.

A Greek church has been opened by the Russian missionaries at Hakodadi.

SPAIN.

MADRID, July 27.—Forty-one Carlists, most of them ecclesiastics or members of the nobility, have been arrested at Barcelona by way of retaliation against the inhuman conduct of the Carlists.

There is a report current here that the Carlists have again been beaten by the Republican troops, and sustained very heavy losses. Two companies of Carlists, who refused to surrender, were cut to pieces.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, July 27.—A shock of earthquake was felt here yesterday.

CRIME.

Burglars Frustrated.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MT. VERNON, Ill., July 27.—A daring, but unsuccessful, attempt was made Saturday morning last, at Ashley, to rob the safe of Dr. W. C. Fox. The attempt was frustrated by the resistance of a man named Roach, who had been let into the arrangement by others named Ramsey and Chase. The plan adopted by the thieves, as divulged by Roach, was to have the Doctor called out of town about dark, and, upon his return, to stop him and compel him to give up the keys to the safe, leaving Roach to guard him, while Ramsey and Chase went back and secured the plunder. The Doctor, however, had too much information for the rascals, and laid a trap for them. He had procured for the occasion an old key, similar in appearance to the one used in his safe; but which would not work worth a cent. This key he surrendered on demand, and Ramsey and Chase started back to town, leaving him, as they supposed, securely guarded by Roach. A party was ready in Ashley to bag the robbers, and they had been in the Doctor's store but a little while when the alarm was given. Owing to bad management, Chase and Ramsey, in the excitement and confusion that followed, escaped, though the latter was arrested the next morning. Chase, at this writing, is still at large. Ashley has had so many affairs of this kind that you need not be surprised one of these days to hear that Judge Lynch has been holding court in that town.

Attempted Outrage.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CARMICHAEL, Ill., July 27.—On Thursday last, while a party of young people were out berrying near this city, a boy named Thomas Cooper, about 18 years old, gave chase to two girls named Lovett. The older one succeeded in getting away, but Cooper caught the younger one, who is only 13 years old. He threw her down and had partly stripped her of her clothes when the cries of the older girl brought assistance. It seems that the aid was timely, since Cooper made his escape without accomplishing his purpose. The young man was traced to Jacksonville, where he was arrested, and brought back here last Saturday. He waived an examination to-day, and was placed in jail to await trial at the Circuit Court.

Alleged Swindler Captured.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PEORIA, Ill., July 27.—Frank Hitchcock, Sheriff, and John Kelsey, Deputy, of this county, arrived here this forenoon from Dallas, Tex., with Joseph Buck, of Duncan, Stark County, in custody. About two months ago Buck slipped away from this section with nearly $40,000 in his hands belonging to Stark and Peoria County, farmers, and grain-men in Chicago and this city. He covered his tracks well, and for a long time evaded successfully all efforts to capture him, but Hitchcock and Kelsey, after spending considerable time in working up the case, succeeded in spotting their man down South, and, tracing him into Texas, caught him about 90 miles from Dallas. He denies that he used the money, and claims that he has been unfortunate and can show that he has not willfully swindled anybody. The evidence against him is, however, very strong.

Crime at the South.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 27.—William Dordis, the proprietor of an intelligence office on Jefferson street, was found dead on the floor of his bed-chamber yesterday morning, from the effects of morphine, and in the bed Sue Morgan, an abandoned woman, with whom he had been living, was found insensible from the same cause, but by means of a stomach-pump she was saved, and then arrested on suspicion of having poisoned Dordis and then attempting to destroy herself, as she had been heard on Saturday evening to threaten to kill him for having hit her with a stick. The Coroner's jury returned a verdict that Dordis came to his death from poison administered by some person unknown to the jury.

An attempt was made on Thursday evening by a mob of negroes at Austin, Miss., to lynch George R. Smith, who, a few weeks since, killed a negro in a difficulty, and but for the prompt and decisive action of the Sheriff, who agreed to put Smith in jail, he would have been hanged. Since then negroes have been guarding the jail, and the authorities, fearing that they may yet lynch Smith, have asked for troops to protect the jail.

Arrest of Two Forgers in New York.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Louis M. Vanetten, who was pardoned from the State Prison a short time ago by Gov. Dix for exposing frauds in prison, has been again arrested on the charge of passing a $10,000 United States bond on the Bank of California. This bond was identified as one of those stolen from the room occupied by Castello del Lacogo, at the St. George's Hotel, three years ago. Chief of Police Lees, of San Francisco, is now in this city with the necessary papers to take Vanetten back with him.

Robert Watson was arrested to-day on the charge of attempting to pass a forged $1,000 bond at the Sub-Treasury.

Attempt to Rob a Bank at Council Bluffs.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., July 27.—At noon today there was a bold attempt made to rob Oliver Pusey's Bank, in this city. The man entered the front room, and engaged the attention of Pusey, the only person present, and wished to put $1,800 on interest. While talking, with thief number one, number two entered a side-door, and when Pusey turned he discovered the robber in the vault. The safe was locked, and though the alarm was given, both robbers escaped by a buggy to Missouri Valley where the vehicle was to-night discovered, but as yet no arrests have been made. The bank lost nothing.

Killed While Resisting Arrest.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—At Annahiem, in this State, to-day, Constable Dy Davis tried to arrest Jose Moreno for rape on Mrs. Eldridge. Moreno drew a pistol, when Davis shot him near the heart. Moreno ran, and Davis shot again and killed him. Moreno fired once at the officer, without effect.

Received His Deserts.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WARREN, O., July 27.—Isaac Stone was sentenced to-day to fifteen years in the Penitentiary. Stone committed an outrage on the person of Josephine DeKee last February. He entered the house in the absence of her parents, beat Miss McKee in a shameful manner until insensible, leaving her secreted under a sofa, plundered the house, and escaped. He ran at large for several weeks, but through the persistent efforts of the young lady's father and brother was finally arrested. Stone acknowledged his guilt to his counsel.

The Philadelphia Abduction Case.

PHILADELPHIA, July 27.—The police have arrested two men and two women, who are alleged to be English criminals, through whom, it is believed, a clue can be obtained relative to the abduction of Charlie Ross.

PHILADELPHIA, July 27.—All the parties who were arrested on suspicion of child-stealing have been released, except one man, who is held to await further examination.

Ross has received no intelligence regarding his child.

Escape of Jail Prisoners.

TOLEDO, O., July 27.—This evening, as the Sheriff of Putnam County, at Ottawa, O., was taking supper to the prisoners, one of them caught him, while another struck him on the forehead with a stove leg, knocking him senseless, the prisoners, five in number, escaping. The Sheriff, on recovering, gave chase, and recaptured Goodwin, who murdered an old couple last April.

A Man Murders His Wife.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 27.—William Morgan, who has had considerable difficulty with his wife for the past few months, and has endeavored to obtain possession of a little daughter by kidnapping and otherwise, met his wife on the corner of Seventh and Morgan streets this evening, and stabbed her twice with a knife, inflicting mortal wounds.

The Pomeroy Bribery Case.

TOPEKA, Kas., July 27.—The Pomeroy bribery case was called in the District Court this morning, and the defense moved to quash the indictment on the ground that it charges Pomeroy with bribing an officer of the State of Kansas, and that a State Senator is not a State officer. The motion was argued at length and will be resumed to-morrow.

Fatal Saloon Rows.

WOBURN, Mass., July 27.—Early Sunday morning a party of drunken men broke into the saloon of William Baniard, at Cummingville. Baniard, while trying to keep the party out, shot John McCoudts dead.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Teress Fessler, the wife of a saloon-keeper, at No. 206 East Forty-ninth street, was killed yesterday by John O'Toole, with whom she had a quarrel.

Murder at Sing Sing.

POUGHKEEPSIE, July 27.—In the Sing Sing State Prison, Sunday morning, William West, a convict, fatally stabbed William Bently, another convict.

A Fiendish Murder Near Rutland, Vt.

RUTLAND, Vt., July 27.—The body of Miss Marietta N. Ball, a school-teacher, was found in the woods near this place yesterday morning. The condition of the body showed that a gross outrage had been committed before the murder.

WHISKY ON THE MOVE.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., July 27.—The Constables seized about $800 worth of liquor in Westfield, Mass., on Saturday. While the liquor was being conveyed here three men in the employ of the owner captured it, but, their horse giving out, they were obliged to abandon the property. It was again seized by the Constables, but its removal from Westfield was prevented by a mob of about 100 persons, some of whom were armed, who agreed, however, that the liquor should remain in the custody of the officers during Saturday night, but the liquor was stolen and carried into Connecticut. The whole affair causes great excitement in Westfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., July 27.—A large force of State Constables appeared here this morning, and arrested Elisha Tobey, owner of the seized liquor; also Jack Frud, liquor-dealer, and a ringleader in Saturday's riot, Special Officer William Chapman, and others. Tobey was handcuffed and taken before a magistrate. All the persons thus far arrested have procured bail. Many more arrests will doubtless be made. The State Constables are followed by a large crowd. Westfield is in a blaze of excitement, and business is nearly suspended.

FIGHT BETWEEN TWO INDIAN TRIBES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., July 27.—The Poncas defeated the Sioux again, near Fort Randall, on the 21st, taking three scalps and keeping all their stock out of the hands of the enemy. The three missing telegraph repairers returned to Randall to-day, having seen no Indians, but having met heavy rain-storms.

WASHINGTON.

Probable Indictment of Dana by the Washington Grand Jury.

Bristow Says the Civil-Service Rules Will Not Be Set Aside.

Proceedings in Connection with the New Loan Quite Satisfactory.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

PROBABILITY OF THE INDICTMENT OF DANA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 27.—It is reported here this evening that the Grand Jury have not adjourned, and that, at a meeting to-day, they considered the Shepherd-Dana case. The information comes from a gentleman ordinarily well informed, who alleged that there is reason to believe that a true bill will be found against Dana. He further states that, while Shepherd appears in the foreground in the case, he is acting for the Administration, and that the influence of the President is being exerted to secure the indictment for certain reasons. The story wears an air of credibility, but a day or two will suffice to determine its accuracy. It would appear from this that the report that the jury had adjourned till the 20th prox. arose from the fact that they adjourned further hearing in the safe-burglary case till that date.

MORE TROUBLE IN THE DISTRICT PAY-ROLLS.

The payment of the members of the District Fire Department was begun to-day. The first man called had not been paid for thirteen months, and, upon presenting himself, was handed the sum of $780.60. As his pay is at the rate of $60 or $70 per month, he was naturally surprised, and upon demanding an explanation was told that he had sold certificates for all of his pay but this amount. He denied having done so, denounced the certificates as forgeries, refused the sum tendered him, and will at once bring suit for his salary.

THE CIVIL-SERVICE RULES.

Secretary Bristow has referred all of Gen. Spinner's $900 appointments to the Civil-Service Examining Board, under the rules. He stated to-day that the subject was under consideration during his recent visit to the President. He was of the opinion that the Civil-Service system of rules would not be set aside. Until they were, they should continue in full force, as the orders of his superior officer.

INCOME, OUTGO, AND THE BALANCES.

The income from internal revenue sources to-day were $600,000. Over $88,000 have been paid to discharged Government clerks under the law authorizing the payment of two months' salary to such persons. The Treasury balances to-day at the close of business were: Currency, $13,043,713; coin, $37,800,000.

THE NEW LOAN.

Treasury officials report the proceedings in connection with the bids for the new loan as progressing satisfactorily, and say that within two or three days the result will be published. They have decided to negotiate with considerable warmth the idea that the plan pursued has proven in the least satisfactory; they claim for it as great a success as they had anticipated. The refusal to allow the one-fourth of 1 per cent discount or commission is alleged as the principal reason why certain New York parties are so loud in their expressions of disgust at the manner in which the business was transacted. It is the impression in New York and here to-night that the European bid for $67,500,000 will be taken, the bidders consenting to waive the six months and one-fourth of 1 per cent commission conditions.

THE INSPECTION OF NAVY-YARDS.

The Senate Naval Committee will meet here late next week, to decide upon the programme of their summer pleasure trip, at Government expense, to the various navy-yards. The Dispatch, the Government pleasure boat, is here, brave in fresh paint and new upholstery, ready for the excursionists.

THE CALL FOR TROOPS IN MISSISSIPPI.

There is a pretty well-settled conclusion here that the appeal of the Lieutenant-Governor of Mississippi for troops at Vicksburg is only an effort to employ the usual means of influencing elections, so much in favor with the carpet-bag and scalawag rulers in the South for the past few years. Private advices from disinterested parties in Mississippi, who are cognizant of the facts in the case, represent that there is no need of any troops at Vicksburg for the purpose of preserving order.

OUT OF WORK.

There is a larger number of persons in this city without employment than was ever before known since the close of the War. The Government offices and workshops have largely reduced their forces, and the District works employ only about one-fourth as many persons as they did one year ago, and private establishments have cut down the number of employes.

THE GEORGIA CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN.

A prominent Georgia Democratic politician writes to a friend in this city that the political pot is fairly boiling over in that State; that the canvass is at its height, and he predicts the election by the Democrats of eight out of the nine Congressional Representatives, unless, as he expresses it, there shall be seriously injurious splits in several of the District Nominating Conventions.

THE INTERNATIONAL POSTAL CONVENTION.

The dispatch recently sent hence, indicating that the withdrawal of Mr. Creswell from the Post-Office Department, and the indisposition of Mr. Jewell to return almost immediately to Europe, would cause the United States to be unrepresented at the International Postal Convention at Berne, Switzerland, in September next, seems to have no foundation. Joseph H. Blackman, Superintendent of our foreign mail-service, was before, and will doubtless be again, deputized to represent the United States in that Postal Congress.

THE WANDERING CABINET.

Secretaries Bristow and Robeson have returned here, and were to-day attending to business at their respective Departments. The former will probably remain with us a few weeks, but the latter will go to Rye Beach as soon as he can skim over the work that has accumulated at the Navy Department. Nobody has a definite idea, much less any information, regarding the time when the President's next visit to Washington will be made.

To the Associated Press.

PRESIDENT GRANT APPROVES THE PERUVIAN TREATY.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The President has issued his proclamation ratifying the extradition treaty with Peru; also the treaty of friendship, commerce, and navigation with the same Government.

BRISTOW AND SPINNER COMPROMISE.

Secretary Bristow and Treasurer Spinner have arranged that all appointments of office in Treasurer Spinner's bureau shall be made only after examination, and even in that case any party to whom the Treasurer objects shall not be appointed. It has also been agreed that all persons nominated by Gen. Spinner for appointment in his office shall be allowed to appear for examination.

TRADE-MARK CONVENTION.

A ratified declaration respecting trade-marks has been concluded with Russia.

BANK NOTES REDEEMED.

National Bank notes to the amount of $655,750 were received at the Treasury Department to-day for redemption, making $8,505,892 received since the organization of the Bureau.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Important Railroad Mortgage Foreclosed.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., July 27.—Wednesday last, S. M. Nickerson, of Chicago, instituted a suit in Cambridge County, before the Circuit Court, against the Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Railroad, for the foreclosure of a mortgage and the appointment of a Receiver. The cause was heard Saturday and Judge Pleasants appointed Cornelius Lynde and R. R. Cable, Receivers. Lynde is the Treasurer and Cable the President of the road, and this suit may be regarded as a flank movement against the Union Transportation Company's suit of the same nature in the United States Circuit Court at Chicago.

Sale of Pictures by Sir Joshua Reynolds.

A number of paintings by Sir Joshua Reynolds have just been sold in London for the following prices: "Portrait of Mrs. Hartley and Child," representing the beautiful young actress as a nymph, carrying the infant Bacchus, wreathed with vine-leaves, on her shoulder. The picture is engraved by S. W. Reynolds, and was purchased at the sale of the Marchioness of Thomond's pictures, who was the niece of Sir Joshua. It was exhibited at the National Portrait Exhibition of 1868. This beautiful example, painted probably about the same time as his "Piping Shepherd Boy," and while he was engaged upon his great work of "The Ugolino," sold for £2,520. "A portrait of Edmund Burke," the property of his great-grandnephew, and exhibited recently at Burlington House, in the Winter Exhibition of Old Masters, 1871, sold by order of the High Court of Chancery, was knocked down for £1,050. A portrait of David Garrick, by Sir Joshua Reynolds exhibited at Manchester, belonging to Gen. Fox's collection, sold for £7 11s. Nine pictures belonging to Miss Emily Palmer, daughter of the Rev. J. Palmer, nephew of Sir Joshua, sold as follows: "Portrait of Miss Lovell Gwatkin," niece of the painter, when young, £10 16s; "The Marchioness of Thomond," £99 15s; "Miss Harvey," niece of the painter, £26 5s; "The Duchess of Gloucester," £36 15s; "Kitty Fisher," £29 16s; "Miss Salkeld," £178 15s; "Girl with a Birdcage," £99 15s; "A Child," £105; "Cherubs' Heads," £99 15s. From another property, "A Portrait of Sir Joshua Wearing Spectacles," by himself, presented by him to Mr. Ireland, author of "River Scenery," £33 11s.

RECIPROCITY.

Our Commercial Relations with Canada.

Memorandum of the British Commissioners to Negotiate a Treaty.

The Toronto *Globe* publishes in full the memorandum submitted to the Secretary of State by Sir Edward Thornton and the Hon. George Brown, who were authorized to negotiate and conclude a Canadian reciprocity treaty with our Government. They present a long array of figures, drawn from United States sources, to show that the traffic between this country and Canada for the last fifty years has been largely to the advantage of the United States, and that especially were we benefited by the reciprocity treaty of 1854, during the thirteen years of its existence. They say that under its operations the aggregate interchange of commodities between the Republic and the Provinces rose from an annual average of $14,230,763 in the previous eight years, to $33,492,764, gold currency, in the first year of its existence; to $42,542,754, gold currency, in the second year of its existence; to $50,339,770, gold, in its third year; and to no less a sum than $84,070,955, at war prices, in its thirteenth year. And that, notwithstanding the anomalous character of the circumstances arising from the existence of civil war during a considerable portion of the treaty's existence, by which the imports from the Provinces were greatly increased in volume and value, and the exports to the Provinces as naturally reduced in quantity, the balance of trade, during the existence of the treaty, was largely in favor of the United States. In the thirteen years of its operation, they continue, "the Provinces purchased from the Republic commodities, according to the United States returns, to the value of $346,180,264, and the Republic purchased from the Provinces $325,726,520, leaving a gross cash balance in favor of the United States of $20,454,246. But the balance was in fact much larger than this. During the first ten years of the treaty, the transactions between the countries showed a clear balance in favor of the United States of $63,013,545. That balance appears from the United States returns to have been reduced, by the operations of the following three years, to the amount of $20,454,246, but this arose, no doubt, from the inflated values at which the importations into the United States from the Provinces were made under the treaty during the War—there being no Customs duty to necessitate accuracy, and every temptation to overvaluation on the part of the importer. According to the official returns of the several British Provinces (which are accurately kept), the Provinces purchased from the Republic during the thirteen years in question commodities to the aggregate value of $363,188,088, gold valuation, and the Republic purchased from the Provinces $267,612,131, in same valuation, leaving as the sum total of the results of the treaty of 1854 an aggregate international traffic of $630,800,219, and a gold balance in favor of the Republic of $95,575,957."

The fact is also adduced that the transportation traffic sent to and brought from foreign countries by the Provinces, in bond, over the railways and canals, and in the ocean ships and steamers trading from United States ports, rose under the operation of the treaty to an importance secondary only to the traffic in domestic productions; and it is also noted that, by virtue of that treaty, the Canadian canals and the navigation of the St. Lawrence were thrown open to the ships and commerce of the United States, on precisely the same footing as to those of the Canadian people, who had spent vast sums in their construction. As the crowning concession enjoyed by us under it, we are reminded that the free use of the priceless coast fisheries of British North America was granted us.

Coming, then, to the repeal of the treaty in 1866, we find that the advantages from it were all on the side of the United States. The Commissioners enumerate the results on the other side of the line, which are seen in the successful efforts of Canada to open new markets, the construction of the Intercolonial Railroad, the enlargement of the canals, the improvement of the navigation of the lakes and River St. Lawrence, the construction of the Bay of Fundy and the St. Lawrence, the subsidizing of ocean and river steamship lines, and the promotion of great ship-building and fishery interests. We are told, further, that "the traffic between the United States and the Provinces at once fell from an average during the three years before the repeal (according to American official statistics) of nearly $75,000,000 per annum, to an average of $57,000,000 per annum during the first three years following repeal; that the Act of Confederation, too, removed from the category of foreign commerce to that of home consumption the large interchanges of commodities between the several sections of the Dominion; and the aggregate foreign commerce of the Provinces consequently fell in the first year after the repeal of the treaty to $139,262,615 from $160,409,455 in the previous year. The trade of the Dominion, however, speedily recovered from the blow, and the volume of its foreign commerce gradually increased until, in the seventh year from the repeal of the treaty, it reached the great sum (for a people of 4,000,000) of $235,301,203—being $75,000,000 higher than it had ever reached in any year of the treaty's existence."

Moreover, our trade with Canada fell off largely after the repeal, the proportion of the foreign commerce of Canada transacted with the United States falling from 52½ per cent in 1866 to 42 per cent in 1867; in 1868, to 41 per cent; in 1869, to 40 per cent; in 1870, to 42 per cent; in 1871, to 40 per cent; in 1872, to 36 per cent; and in 1873, to 35 per cent. The average proportion of the commerce of the Provinces has been since the repeal but 38½ per cent, against nearly 50 per cent in the last five years of the treaty. The changed character of the traffic is also alluded to, as well as the fact that Canadians are now large exporters of Western products.

Why, in view of these facts, Canada now wishes to renew the treaty is briefly told. The population of the United States, it is said, "is 50,000,000, and that of the Dominion is but 4,000,000. The boundary between them is for the most part a surveyor's line, often unknown even to those who live beside it, and it is of the utmost importance to Canada that common interests and mutual good will should exist between the two countries. And what so conducive to this end as commercial intercourse generously carried on and mutually profitable? The people of Canada are not ignorant that a market near at hand is better than a distant one, and, good as their present markets are, they would gladly have the old one in addition. They comprehend the barrier that custom-house restrictions throw in the way even of existing traffic, and they seek to have these withdrawn. They are proud of their own St. Lawrence route, and intend to improve it to the uttermost for the benefit of the great West and their own; but would gladly use the ocean ports and other channels of commerce of the Republic, when freights and fares and friendly reciprocity draw them in that direction. And very great as have been the advantages always accruing to the United States from reciprocity, the Canadians can find only cause of hearty rejoicing at that, so long as they themselves continue to enjoy that moderate degree of prosperity with which Providence has blessed them. There is no mystery, no *arrière pensee*, in their desire that the Republic should be placed on the most kindly and unfettered and mutually advantageous basis consistent with their respective existing obligations, and with that connection with Great Britain which the Dominion so happily enjoys."

In conclusion, the Commissioners offer suggestions as follows:

We propose that the new treaty shall be for the term of twenty-one years, to inspire confidence among business-men investing their capital in such extensive enterprises as would naturally follow from the completion of a comprehensive treaty. We propose that the treaty shall provide for the free admission into the United States, the Dominion of Canada, and the Island of Newfoundland, of the following articles, as under the treaty of 1854:

Animals and Their Products—Animals of all kinds, butter, cheese, eggs; furs, undressed; hides, undressed; horns, hard; meats, fresh, smoked, or salted; pelts, poultry; skins, undressed; tails, undressed; tallow, wool.

Products of the Farm—Breadstuffs of all kinds, broom-corn, cotton, wool, flax, unmanufactured; flour of all kinds; fruits, dried and undried; grain of all kinds; hemp, unmanufactured; plants, rice, seeds, shrubs; tobacco, unmanufactured; tow, unmanufactured; trees, vegetables.

Products of the Forest—Ashes, bark, firewood, lumber of all kinds, round, hewed, or sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part; pitch, tar, timber of all kinds, round, hewed, or sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part; turpentine.

Products of the Mine—Burr or grind-stones, hewn, wrought or unwrought, coal, gypsum, ground or unground; marble in its crude or unwrought state, ores of all kinds of metals, slate, stone in its crude or unwrought state.

Products of the Water—Fish of all kinds, fish, products of, and of all other creatures living in the water, fish-oil.

Sundries—Dye-stuffs, manures, rags.

We propose the following additions to the above list of free articles: Agricultural implements—to be defined; bark, extracts of, for tanning purposes; bath brick, brick for building purposes, earth ochres, ground or unground; hay, lime, malt, manufactures of iron or steel, manufactures of iron or steel and wood jointly, manufactures of wood, mineral, and other oils, plaster, raw, or calcined; salt, straw, stone, marble, or granite, partly or wholly cut or wrought.

We propose that the enjoyment of the Canadian coast fisheries shall be conceded to the United States during the continuance of the new treaty, in the manner and on the conditions provided under the Washington Treaty except those in regard to the payment of money compensation for the privilege.

We propose that during the continuance of the treaty the coasting trade of Canada and the United States shall be thrown open to the vessels of both countries on a footing of complete reciprocal equality.

We propose that the Canadian canals, from Lake Erie to Montreal, be enlarged forthwith, at the expense of Canada, so as to admit the passage of vessels 260 feet in length, with 45 feet beam, with a depth equal to the capacity of the lake harbors.

We propose that during the continuance of the treaty, all the Canadian canals and the Erie, Whitehall, Sault Ste. Marie, and Lake St. Clair Canals, in the United States, shall be thrown open to the vessels, boats, and barges of both countries on the same terms and conditions as to the citizens of both countries, and that full power be given to transhipcargo from ships or steamers into canal-boats at any canal entrance, and also to transship from boats into ships or steamers at any canal outlet.

The free navigation of the St. Lawrence River having been conceded forever by Great Britain to the United States under the Washington Treaty, but the free navigation of Lake Michigan having been conceded for ten years only by the United States to Great Britain under the same treaty, we propose that both concessions be placed on the same footing, free from restrictions as to reporting at any port in the United States other than the port of first destination.

We propose that during the continuance of the treaty vessels of all kinds, built in the United States or Canada, may be owned and sailed by the citizens of the other and be entitled to registry in either country, and to all the privileges pertaining thereto.

We propose that a joint commission shall be formed, and continued during the operation of the treaty, for deepening and maintaining in thoroughly efficient condition the navigation of the Rivers St. Clair and Detroit, and Lake St. Clair, on whichever side of the river the best channel shall be found; the expense to be defrayed jointly by the contracting parties, by contributions corresponding to the commerce carried on in these waters by them respectively.

We propose that a joint commission shall be formed, at joint expense, and maintained during the operation of the new treaty, for securing the erection and proper regulation of all light-houses on the great lakes, common to both countries, necessary to the security of the shipping thereon.

We propose that a joint commission shall be formed, at joint expense, and maintained during the continuance of the treaty, to promote the propagation of fish in the inland waters common to both countries, and to enforce the laws enacted for the protection of the fish and fishing-grounds.

We propose that citizens of either country shall be entitled, during the continuance of the treaty, to take out letters patent for new discoveries in the other country, on the same footing as if they had been citizens of that country.

We propose that the best method of discontinuancing and punishing illicit trade between the countries shall be the subject of consideration and co-operation by the Customs authorities of the two countries.

That in case a treaty of commercial reciprocity should not have been concluded before the end of the present session of Congress, the bill of adjudication of the claims of Canada to Compensation for the fisheries under Arts. XXII. to XXV. of the Treaty of Washington would in no degree be waived, and that in that event the provisions of the jurisdiction contained in those articles would be immediately proceeded with.

FIGHT BETWEEN MAN AND DOG.

A Scene in the Black Country.

The London *Daily Telegraph* gives the following account of a prize-fight between a dwarf known as "Brummy" and a bull-dog named Physic, in a low sporting den in Hanley, England. Comment is unnecessary:

"The dwarf, however, was not to be stormed and defeated in all a moment. Once the ghastly fight began there was a dire fascination in it, and I now noted the combat closely. The man was on all fours when the words 'let go' were uttered, and, making accurate allowance for the length of the dog's chain, he arched his back catwise so as just to escape its fangs, and fetched it at a blow on the crown of the head that brought it almost to its knees. The dog's recovery, however, was instantaneous, and before the dwarf could draw back Physic made a second dart forward, and this time its teeth grazed the biped's arm, causing a slight red trickling.

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

FINANCIAL.

MONDAY EVENING, July 27.

THE NEW LOAN.

Up to this afternoon no more definite statement has reached us of the bids for the new loan of 5's than that only $10,000,000 have been accepted. The very plain inference forces itself that the attempt to negotiate the loan has been a failure. In fact, the Secretary's plan has been neither one thing nor the other. He took no measures to introduce the investment to the public, and to throw it open to the people for subscriptions, large and small; on the other hand, he did nothing to encourage the formation of a syndicate to take the loan on mutually advantageous terms. If the loan was meant to be a popular investment, the mistake was made of addressing the introductory circular of the 2d inst. to but a few of the large Eastern banking-houses; if a syndicate was wanted to present itself, the Secretary throughout rather repelled than attracted any such procedure. He interrupted negotiations with two private syndicates to issue his circular, and the terms of this paper did not appear to be framed with any intention of facilitating the formation of other syndicates.

The President and the Secretary of the Treasury were in consultation on Friday at Long Branch, considering the bids. About $10,000,000 of bids were accepted. The most important bid, that of Messrs. Seligman & Fahnestock, was rejected. It was for $55,000,000, standing as follows in the schedule: Rothschilds & Co. and their associates, $40,000,000, and J. & W. Seligman and their associates, $15,000,000. With these two bids were deposited $1,100,000, gold, and they were to be considered together, the understanding being that the two parties were to act together in concert, to take the $55,000,000 in ninety days, and have the privilege of calling within a specified time for the remainder. The bid was for par and interest in gold, with ¼ per cent commission deducted, and was on condition that all other bids, except for investments, should be thrown out.

This may be fairly said to close the first chapter in the negotiation of loans by our new Secretary of the Treasury. While indubitably a failure, it is not in any way such as to injure the credit of the United States, or to prevent the future negotiation of this loan and other ones. It is, to be sure, a little distressing to think that the finances of the country are still in crude hands, and that once again they must be subjected to tentative experiments till we at last have a Secretary educated by experience—at our expense. Perhaps there is no help for it under our free and enlightened form of government. The negotiation of large loans, like this of $179,000,000 now in Secretary Bristow's hands, is business that must be managed in accordance with certain well-known practical rules. Our credit is good, and better than it was. A 5 per cent United States bond is an investment that would be considered very desirable in Amsterdam, Paris, or London, at par. Money is very cheap in England and Germany, and is seeking investment at lower rates of interest than these new 5's will pay. The bonds are wanted there, and, if judiciously offered, would soon be taken out of the market.

NATIONAL BANKS ORGANIZED.

The United States Comptroller of the Currency furnishes the following statement of National Banks organized last week: 2,158—Farmers' National Gold Bank of San Jose, California; authorized capital, $500,000; paid in capital, $250,000. John W. Hinds President, George F. Sparks Cashier. Authorized to commence business July 21, 1874.

LOCAL FINANCES.

In the local money market the demand for loans is light, and the supply of funds very large. Nominally the rate of discount at the banks is 10 per cent for regular customers, but other borrowers, with the right kind of paper or collaterals, can get what they want at 6, 7, or 8 per cent. Real estate loans are 9@10 per cent; on the street money is 8@18 per cent.

New York exchange is inactive and quoted at 50@75c premium between banks for $1,000. Shipments of currency eastward were made by banks to-day.

Greenebaum Bros. & Co. quote foreign exchange as follows: Paris, 516¼@513¾. Frankfort, 41@41¼. Berlin, 71¾@72¾. Bremen and Hamburg, 95¾@96¾.

The Clearing-House returns are $3,000,000.

Preston, Kean & Co. report as follows:

	Buying.	Selling.
8-30s of '65—Jan. and July	116¾	117
6-30s of '67—Jan. and July	117	118
5-20s of '65—Jan. and July	117½	118¼
10-40s	113¾	113¾
United States new 5s, ex int	111¾	111¾
Gold (full weight)	109¼	109¼
Gold coupons	109¾	109¾
Sterling	488 @490¾	
Cable transfers	492	
Cook County 7s	99¾ & int.	100¾ & int.
Illinois 10 per cent school-bonds		Par & int.
South Park bonds		95 & int.
Hyde Park 7 per cent water bds		90 & int.

LATEST.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Money easy at 2@8; mercantile paper 5@6½.

Sterling steady at 487@487½ for 60 days, and 489½@490 for sight.

Customs receipts, $525,000.

Gold weak, declining from 109¾ to 109¼. Carrying rates, ¼@1.

The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $207,000.

Clearings, $16,000,000.

Some American bankers were free sellers of gold to-day, under the belief that the syndicate bid for the new loan would be accepted. Negotiations will probably be concluded very soon, and the Secretary of the Treasury is quite confident that they will result in disposing of the entire balance of the 5 per cent bonds.

Business on the Stock-Exchange to-day was unprecedentedly dull, and the greatest fluctuation of the day was ¾ per cent, and this was only in five stocks, all other shares having been stationary. When the gong sounded for the 12 o'clock call, the brokers formed a procession and marched out of the Exchange into the street, and Vice-Chairman Mitchell proceeded with the only in five stocks, all other shares having been stationary. When the gong sounded for the 12 o'clock call, the brokers formed a procession and marched out of the Exchange into the street, and Vice-Chairman Mitchell proceeded with the entire call, with only the telegraph-operators and pages of the Board as witnesses. Such a scene never before occurred in the history of the Stock-Exchange. After the call closed, the brokers marched into the Board-Room and gave three cheers. Since then Erie has declined ¾ per cent, the greatest change of the day.

In the Gold Room speculation was weaker and exchange heavy on account of the growing impression that a syndicate for the $55,000,000 of the new loan will yet be arranged. Leading parties in its interest have not yet received any definite answer from London, but as the only question at issue is the length of the call for the balance of the loan, it is believed that the whole matter will be fixed.

Governments strong and in good demand. Railroad and State bonds dull.

Stocks extremely dull, the changes ranging from ¼ to ⅝ per cent. Just before the close the market became moderately active, with Lake Shore, Western Union, and Rock Island as the features. Erie was exceptionally weak, and declined from 83¼ to 81¾, closing at 82. The principal dealings were in Lake Shore, 8,000 shares of which changed hands.

GOVERNMENTS.			
Coupons, '81	118¾	Coupons, '67	117¾
Coupons, '62	118¾	Coupons, '68	118¾
Coupons, '64	118¾	New 5s	113¾
Coupons, '65	116¾	10-40s	113¾
Coupons, '65, new	116¼	Currency 6s	117¾
STATE BONDS.			
Missouris	92¼	Virginias, old	26
Tennessee, old	72	N. Carolinas, old	18
Tennessees, new	72	N. Carolinas, new	13¾
Virginias, new	30		
STOCKS.			
Canton	49	St. Paul pfd	53¾
Western Union Tel	79¾	Wabash	35¾
Quicksilver	20	Wabash pfd	65
Adams Express	108	Ft. Wayne	92
Wells, Fargo	71	Terre Haute	7
American Express	50¾	Terre Haute pfd	21
U. S. Express	67	Chicago & Alton	102¾
Pacific Mail	44	Chicago & Alton pfd	104
New York Central	99¾	Ohio & Mississippi	25¾
Erie	81¾	Clev., Cin., & Col	63
Erie pfd	47¾	Chi., Bur. & Quincy	105
Harlem	123¾	Lake Shore	72¾
Harlem pfd	125	Indiana Central	17¾
Michigan Central	70¾	Illinois Central	97
Pittsburg & Ft. W	87¾	Union Pacific bonds	92¾
Northwestern	38	Union Pacific stock	26¾
Northwestern pfd	64¾	Central Pacific stock	87¾
Rock Island	98¾	Boston, Hart. & Erie	1¾
New Jersey Central	109¾	Del., Lack. & West'n	107½
St. Paul	36¾		

REAL ESTATE.

TRANSFERS.

The following instruments were filed for record on Monday, July 27:

CITY PROPERTY.

	Consideration.
Sophia st, 226 ft w of Sedgwick st, n f, 160 ft to North LaSalle st, near Clark st, w f, 48x124 ft, dated July 25	$ 8,000
Boyne st, s w cor of Bonner st, e f, 50x150 ft, dated July 25	6,300
Lee place, 24 ft w of Bonner st, s f, 24x100 ft, dated July 22	2,000
Lumber st, 93½ ft s w of Canal st, s e f, undivided ½ of 26x100 feet, dated July 27	600
Lumber st, 93½ ft s w of Canal st, s e f, undivided ½ of 26x100 ft, dated July 27	1,100
Twenty-second st, 225 ft w of Paulina st, s f, 25x125 ft, dated July 10	800
Wabash av, n e cor of Thirty-fifth st, w f, 100x 174 5-10 ft, dated July 25	11,900
Halsted st, 56 ft n of Thirty-fifth st, w f, 25x 124½ ft, dated June 24, 1873	1,600
Canal st, 625 ft s of West Eighteenth st, e f, 50x 100 ft, dated May 1	3,500
Arch st, 118 27-100 ft n w of Lyman st, s f, 24x97 ft, dated July 11	1,200
Hirsch st, s w cor of Washtenaw av, n f, 66x 120 75-100 ft, dated July 27	1,264
Hirsch st, s w cor of Washtenaw av, n f, 25x100 ft, dated July 27	525
Clark st, 153 5-12 ft n of Van Buren st, w f, 19 10-12x148¾ ft, dated July 15	24,000
Park av, 45¾ ft w of Page st, n f, 21 3-5x 131 24-100 ft, dated July 11	11,000
Herndon st, 160 10-12 ft n of Grape st, w f, 50x 126 ft, dated June 27	1,250
North Hoyne st, 20 ft s of Peterson st, e f, 24x 100 ft, dated July 9	750
Ridgeville road, 99 ft s of Brighton st, e f, also fronting 24 ft on Dean st, s w f, and ¼ of 24 x128 4-10 ft, dated Aug. 5, 1873	400
SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS AND WITHIN A RADIUS OF 7 MILES OF COURT-HOUSE.	
Lots 45 to 48, Block 4, in ¼ n w ¼ s w ¼ Sec. 9, 38, 14, dated Dec. 26, 1873	1,800
Lots 9 to 14 and 16 to 18, Block 1, in Hall's Lots 1 and 2 in Kerfoot's in ¼ n e ¼ n e ¼ Sec. 1, 38, 13, dated July 27	5,400
NORTH OF CITY LIMITS AND WITHIN A RADIUS OF 7 MILES OF COURT-HOUSE.	
Block 3, in Hawthorne, in s e ¼ Sec. 28, and n ¼ n e ¼ Sec. 33, 39, 13, dated July 25	13,000

COMMERCIAL.

MONDAY EVENING, July 27.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past forty-eight hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1874.	1873.	1874.	1873.
Flour, brls	5,564	9,651	5,495	7,017
Wheat, bu	15,920	48,350	84,964	22,163
Corn, bu	272,735	345,893	268,620	221,377
Oats, bu	15,610	62,130	9,638	46,813
Rye, bu	810	350	350	
Barley, bu	2,410	800	3,210	2,773
Grass seed, lbs	37,726	16,460	38,417	8,460
Flax seed, lbs	2,400			
Broom-corn, lbs	6,300	15,500		
Cured meats, lbs	68,045	45,200	559,477	378,772
Beef, brls			130	115
Pork, brls			107	1,033
Lard, lbs	32,050	44,710	253,720	665,309
Tallow, lbs	18,355	9,230		
Butter, lbs	149,528	90,395	180,490	26,415
Live hogs, No	5,015	5,141	5,923	5,958
Cattle, No	1,023	921	898	1,778
Sheep, No		7		
Hides, lbs	66,405	100,705	106,900	156,250
Highwines, brls	109	15	616	190
Wool, lbs	213,738	262,847	322,674	164,740
Potatoes, bu	919	2,866		
Lumber, No. ft	5,655,000	6,218,000	2,028,851	2,658,000
Shingles, No	800,000	3,020,000	802,500	1,901,000
Lath, No	100,000	615,000	309,000	430,000
Salt, brls		3,463	5,132	1,865

The following figures are furnished by the Produce Exchange:

	Received.	Shipped.
Poultry, coops	81	
Game, pkgs	1	
Eggs, pkgs	696	85
Cheese, bxs	1,180	
Beans, bu	50	
Hay, tons	40	59
Hops, lbs	4,070	4,380
Flsh, pkgs	299	29

Withdrawn from store on Saturday for city consumption: 2,470 bu wheat, 756 bu corn, 1,502 bu oats, 726 bu rye.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning up to 10 o'clock: 2 cars No. 1 red winter wheat; 10 cars No. 2 do; 1 car No. 3 winter; 17 cars No. 1 spring wheat; 35 cars No. 2 do; 9 cars No. 3 do; 5 cars rejected do (total wheat, 79 cars, of which 25 are new); 1 car yellow corn; 95 cars and 6,000 bu high mixed do; 371 cars and 85,800 bu No. 2 do; 66 cars rejected do (total cars corn, 533); 3 cars white oats; 9 cars No. 2 do; 6 cars rejected do; 3 cars no grade do; 1 car No. 2 rye; 1 car no grade do; 2 cars No. 2 barley; 1 car No. 3 do. Total (638 cars), 346,000 bu. Inspected out: 362 bu winter wheat; 65,681 bu spring do; 286,378 bu corn; 4,655 bu oats; 706 bu rye; 2,160 bu barley.

The following table shows the distribution of the breadstuffs shipped out from this city during the past week:

Shipped.	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.
By rail	1,457	12,599	6,630	76,490	3,322
By canal	63	5,300			
By lake	10,232	141,000	232,751	11,140	
To Erie	2,800		123,500	5,700	
To Oswego		44,566	82,854		
To Ogdensburg		6,033	39,850		
To Huron	1,191		16,556		
To other U. S. ports	400		284	4,351	
To Montreal			69,344		
To Kingston		12,066	37,767		
Totals	26,298	224,466	1,040,017	99,541	3,322

Also, 6,882 bu barley shipped by rail.

The boys on 'Change have got up a new name for the corn crowd. They call it "Sturgis' dairy," because of the "milking" process which is so often repeated there. They are mistaken, however. The milk is not in that cocoanut.

Reports from many parts of the great cornbelt of Illinois concur in stating that the corn crop is badly damaged by the excessive drought, and that in many places the yield will not be one-half of an average. It is impossible to have too much dry weather, even for corn.

The competition among carriers by water is extending, and has brought down rates, both on lake and ocean, to the lowest point known for many years. New York lines to Europe are competing with those from Montreal, till it now pays nearly as well across the herring-pond as 2½c does from Chicago to Buffalo. Even with this, the movement is slow, and prices languish because of the apathy exhibited by shippers.

The leading produce markets were moderately active to-day, though the aggregate of trading was less than the average. The cooler weather was favorable to activity in grain, but operators were not generally anxious either to buy or sell. The receipts were rather small, except in corn, and the shipping movement slow.

The dry-goods market was quiet and firm, as previously quoted. There was a reasonably-active demand for groceries, and the general market presented a rather firmer tone. There is more inquiry for coffees, and holders are asking a shade higher prices, choice and prime Rio advancing a ¾c. Refined sugars are also stronger. Syrups, molasses, rice, molasses, soaps, and starch were quoted steady and firm. The butter market was rather firmer under a better demand, but no advance was established. Cheese was in fair request at steady rates. No new features were noted in the fish, dried fruit, and canned goods markets. Leather remains dull as previously quoted. Oils were in good demand, and were firmly held all around. Dealers experienced some difficulty in filling orders for carbon oil, owing to the destruction yesterday of the Michigan Southern oil-storehouse, but the scarcity is only temporary.

Lumber was quiet and unchanged. Brick, lime, and other building materials are meeting with a slightly-improved demand at about the same prices. Common brick are selling at $5.50 @6.00, and some dealers expect an advance. There were no new developments in connection with metals, iron, nails, or general hardware. July is usually a quiet month in these departments of trade, and the present one is no exception to the rule. However, the markets are steady, unless, perhaps, in the case of nails. Wool was moderately active and steady. Hay, hops, and broom-corn were quiet. The offerings of new potatoes are still large, and the market dull and weak in consequence. Green fruits were plentiful and rather slow. Lemons were firmer, owing to an advance in New York, where stocks have been largely reduced. Poultry and eggs were easy.

Highwines were quiet and stronger, with very little on the market at any price. Buyers paid the asking price of Saturday for all that were offered. Sales were limited to 100 brls at 96c per gallon. New York was quoted higher, at $1.01.

Lake freights were dull and weak, especially to Buffalo, for which port there were large offerings and very little demand. It was rumored that 2½c was accepted (without discount) on corn to Buffalo, but it was not verified. Corn was quoted at 3¼c to Port Colborne, and 6¼c to Kingston. A total of seven charters was reported, which will carry out 7,000 bu wheat and 204,000 bu corn.

Provisions were less active. Mess pork was 50@60c per brl higher, in sympathy with a rise in the prices of live hogs, but there was more disposition to sell, and the market closed tame, with more sellers than buyers. Lard was quiet and unchanged. Meats were in good demand at Saturday's prices. There is a moderate quantity of summer meat offering, at about the same prices as winter cured. Small lots of lard were held about 10c per 100 lbs higher than round lots. The market closed quiet at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash or seller August, $22.70@22.75; do, seller September, $22.90@23.00; do, seller October, nominal; do, seller December, $15.62½@15.75; do, seller the year, $15.25@15.50. Lard, cash or seller August, $11.75@11.80; do, seller September, $11.90@11.95; do, seller the year, $9.60@9.75; summer lard, 11¾@11¾c. Sweet-pickled hams, 12@12¾c per lb for 18@16 lb average; dry-salted meats, loose, at 7½c for shoulders, cash, and 7¾c seller September; 9¾@10c for short ribs, cash, and 10¾c seller September; 10@10¾c for short clear, cash, and 10¾@10¾c seller September; no Cumberlands or long clears here. The same boxed at ¼c@¾c per lb above these prices. Bacon meats, 8½c for shoulders, 10½c for short ribs, 11½c for short clear, all packed in hhds; the same loose, ¼c lower. Bacon hams, 14½@15c. Mess beef, $11.25@11.50; extra mess do, $12.25@12.50; beef hams, $24.50@25.00. City tallow, 7¼@7¾c; grease nominal at 5½@5¾c. Sales were reported of 1,750 brls mess pork, seller August, at $22.75; 250 brls do, seller September, at $23.05; 3,250 brls do at $23.00; 1,850 brls do at $22.75; 50 tcs lard at $11.95; 250 tcs do, seller August at $11.75; 100 tcs (summer) sweet-pickled hams at 13c; 300,000 lbs shoulders at 7½c; 200,000 lbs short ribs at 9¾c; 50,000 lbs short rib bacon at 10¾c packed.

Flour was dull at unchanged prices. There was a fair demand from the local trade for good Minnesota springs, but few were offered at the prices, and stocks are light. Other grades were not wanted. Shippers were out of the market. Bran was scarce and strong. Cash sales were reported of 100 brls white winter extras at $6.50; 200 brls do on private terms; 300 brls spring extras on private terms; 60 brls superfines at $4.60. Total, 710. Also, 10 tons bran at $16.00 to arrive. The market closed at the following range of prices:

In store at	Wheat, bu.	Corn, bu.	Oats, bu.	Barley, bu.
New York	1,476,277	647,979	256,155	
Albany	13,500	2,500	5,500	
Buffalo	83,129	78,530	2,056	
Chicago	1,266,078	1,444,944	15,601	5,107
Milwaukee	1,699,381	61,699	15,910	
Duluth	34,877		1,256	5,89
Toledo	238,230	177,973	20,461	
Detroit	58,000	41,000	20,333	
Oswego	50,000	75,000	10,000	
St. Louis	94,702	183,411	8,845	
Peoria	4,161	112,140	25,824	
Boston	1,400	42,119	76,297	1,468
Toronto	47,245		10,561	
Montreal	289,000	85,000	15,727	2,000
*Philadelphia	125,000	140,000	25,000	
Baltimore		218,250	31,500	
Lake shipments	933,500	1,961,155	81,564	456
Railshipments	69,211	96,210	147,683	3,900
On N.Y. canals	801,000	1,971,881	17,000	
Total	6,604,788	7,288,877	819,753	13,831
Total, July 11, '74	6,297,011	8,008,987	1,255,880	5,651
Total, July 18, '74	6,467,771	7,761,701	894,945	15,698
Total, June 27, '74	7,120,05	7,128,84	1,812,002	62,810
Total, June 20, '74	7,727,61	6,781,87	1,921,206	54,888
Total, June 13, '74	7,875,61	6,781,87	1,921,206	54,888
Total, June 6, '74	6,019,80	6,876,65	2,005,476	71,906
Total, July 13, '73	4,977,48	9,340,41	4,164,652	109,719

*Estimated

DIGEST OF CROP RETURNS.

The United States Agricultural Bureau furnishes the following:

CORN.

An increase in the corn area of fully 2,000,000 acres is apparent, or 6 per cent above the breadth of last year. The percentage is largest in the South; the increase in acres is largest in the West. Returns make the gain in Texas over 900,000 acres; in Missouri, over 300,000; in Illinois, about 300,000; in Indiana, fully 200,000; in Kansas, about 170,000. Georgia shows almost as large an increase as Iowa and Missouri; Alabama, 180,000 acres; Mississippi, 120,000 acres; Texas, 300,000 acres; in the Pacific States and Territories the corn area of the cotton States appear to have been less influential in the Mississippi Valley than in the more eastern States, Georgia particularly. The increase in Texas is simply due to the natural expansion of crop areas from immigration, and is equally noticeable in cotton and other crops.

The number of States reporting a decrease in area is small, including only Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Florida, Louisiana, Tennessee, West Virginia, Kentucky, and California. In Northern New England the late unfavorable spring interfered with planting, and in Louisiana the area is less by reason of the overflow.

The States making increase are as follows: Maryland, Virginia, Wisconsin, 101; Pennsylvania, Ohio, Nebraska, 102; Massachusetts, Oregon, 103; Connecticut, North Carolina, Illinois, 104; South Carolina, Michigan, 106; Indiana, 108; Iowa, 109; Mississippi, Minnesota, 110; Alabama, Arkansas, 112; Kansas, 114; Georgia, 115.

The condition of corn is generally good in the West, but elsewhere variable. Only Massachusetts of the Eastern States reports average condition, only Pennsylvania of the Middle States, and Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Texas of the Southern States. Minnesota is an exception in the Western States, reporting 94; and California and Oregon fall to give a full average.

The percentages of condition above average are as follows: South Carolina, 101; Massachusetts, Florida, Michigan, Kansas, 102; Maryland, Iowa, 104; Illinois, 105; Texas, 106; Indiana, Nebraska, 109. The States averaging 100 are Pennsylvania, Georgia, Wisconsin, Missouri.

On the Northern Atlantic coast the late planting and cold storms are the cause of somewhat inferior condition, though the color is generally good and present growth promising. The inundations, soaking rains, and consequent replanting in the Southern States make the appearance of corn quite variable, and account for condition below average in certain States, while in others such disadvantages, existing to a less degree, have been overcome by good culture and good weather. There is complaint of lodging caught, but it is not of long continuance or involving wide areas. It has been most serious in Arkansas, some counties having had little or no rain in two months, in the Ohio Valley there is some complaint of drought; in West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky, and in some parts of Illinois, and to some extent in States west of the Mississippi. So far the injury from this cause throughout the country is less than usual, but should the drought extend early July by continuing and extending through the month, great injury may result. Cutworms have been generally injurious, and chinch-bugs in the West, after devastating wheat-fields, have attacked corn vigorously in many localities.

The average condition of winter wheat for the whole country is 104. The most favorable conditions of growth were found in several of the States in the Pacific region, most conspicuous in Arkansas, the maximum, 144; Tennessee, 119; West Virginia, 118; Kentucky, 117. In these States a severe and destructive drought, commencing shortly before wheat harvest, gave to this grain a fine opportunity for ripening thoroughly, but was very hard on the spring and summer crops. In the Middle States the crop was generally above average, and in the States north of the Ohio nearly or quite average. Ohio, where drought has most prevailed, shows the highest average, 105. The condition of the Mississippi Valley generally very good, and above average, except where late sowings were caught by chinch-bugs, which, with other causes, reduced the average of Kansas to 90. The spring-wheat area was also below in Virginia and North Carolina, but the crop in the Southern wheat States generally showed a considerable margin above average, though Texas reached only 84. In New England the small acreage of winter-wheat was somewhat injured by winter-killing.

Spring-wheat shows a general average of 96. In New England it was on the whole considerably above average, though backward in several counties. In the few counties growing this crop in the Middle States it is below average. In Ohio, Indiana, and on the Pacific coast the crop was above average. In the Northwestern States it especially suffered from the ravages of chinch-bug and other insects. In several counties of Indiana this insect were demonstrating remorselessly; in Morgan several fields were destroyed, and were ploughed up to be put in other crops. Illinois reports numerous casualties of similar character, and in those districts of Wisconsin where droughts prevailed the same misfortune is noted. In several localities in Iowa timely rains destroyed the young insects and saved the crops from their ravages, but not till after considerable damage had been done. The grasshoppers were also injurious here. In Missouri the chinch nuisance was quite serious. In Caldwell County the injury to the crop was estimated variously from 25 to 50 per cent. The chinch also infested the spring-wheat of Kansas; in Anderson their nearly ruined the crop; in Franklin and Wilson, farmers propose to sow no more wheat till secured against this risk. In some counties, as in Montgomery, early sowings were but lightly affected, especially of drilled wheat, but broad-cast crops were badly affected. In Nebraska, where the pest did not appear, the crop was above the average. In some localities of California the crop was affected by hot, dry weather, and nowhere in the States of the Pacific coast have rains produced a heavy growth, which it was feared might prove excessive. In Utah the crop was injured by cut-worms.

LATEST.

Wheat was moderately active, and a shade stronger for cash or the close, ranging from $1.07¾@1.08¾ for the month, closing at the outside. Seller August sold at $1.05¾@1.05¾c, closing at $1.05¾@1.05¾. Corn was a shade firmer, closing at 63¼c seller the month and 61¾@61¾c seller August. Oats were steady and quiet at 35¼c seller August. Mess pork was in fair speculative demand and 25@55c per brl higher, selling at $23.00 cash, $22.87½@23.12½ seller August, $23.25@23.50 seller September, the latter closing at the outside. Sales were: 750 brls seller August at $23.00; 250 brls bu do at $22.87½; 250 brls seller September at $23.25; 250 brls do at $23.50. Lard was quiet and steady at $11.87½@11.90 cash or July, and 11.75@11.80 seller August. Meats were firm at 7½@7¾c for shoulders; 9¾@10c for short ribs, 10@10¾c for short clear. Two steamers were chartered—one for corn and the other part cargo wheat to Buffalo. Capacity 18,000 bu wheat, 15,000 bu corn.

CHICAGO DAILY MARKET.

MONDAY EVENING, July 27.

ALCOHOL—Advanced in sympathy with highwines. Quotations at 91@92c.

BEANS—Were dull at $1.85@2.05 for mediums.

BUTTER—The cool weather of to-day witnessed an increased movement in this staple, both local and Eastern buyers taking hold freely. Prices were without noticeable change, though the feeling among holders seemed firmer. The annexed quotations were easily sustained: Choice yellow, 26@28c; medium to good grades, 20@23c; inferior to common, 14@18c.

EGGS—Prices range the same as for a fortnight past, where they have held with pronounced firmness. There is continued activity in the demand for grain bags, but other lines are rather quiet. Quotations are as follows: Stark, 34c; Lewiston, A, 32¾c; American A, 30¾c; Amoskeag, 36c; Otter Creek, 30c; burlap bags, 4 and 5 bu, 17@19c; gunnies, single, 17¢18c; do double, 27@28c; wool sacks, 57@59c.

BROOM CORN—Was steady and in light request for immediate use; choice hurl, 6@8¾c; do extra, 9c; corn that will work a first choice hurl, 5@6¾c; crooked, 4@7¾c; for good do, 5@6¾c; good to choice stalk brush, 7c; inferior brush, 4@5½c.

BUILDING MATERIALS—A slight improvement in the demand is noticeable, but no change in prices is expected, though some parties quote common brick firm: Michigan stucco, $2.50; New York stucco, $3.25 @4.00; Utica and Louisville cements, $2.00; Akron cement, $1.80@2.00 ₩ brl; Portland cement, $7.00 @7.50 ₩ brl; lime in bulk, 85c@$1.00; lime (fine), $1.90@1.25 ₩ brl; white sand, ₩ brl, $1.50@2.00; plastering hair, ₩ bu, 40c; fire brick, per 1,000, $35.00 @90.00; building brick (common), $5.00@6.00; Milwaukee and Racine pressed, $27.00@28.00, del.; Indiana, pressed, $15.00@25.00; do common, $10.00@12.00.

CHEESE—Some improvement in the demand was apparent, and prices were firmer. Stocks are moderate, and there are no sellers at any material concession from the following quotations: New Dairy, 11@12c; Western do, 10@11c; low grades, 8@9c.

COAL—In this market there was not a single new feature trade continuing quiet at former quotations: Lehigh, prepared, $7.50@10.00; Lackawanna, range, $6.00; Lackawanna, other sizes, $8.50; Pennsylvania Cannel, $8.00; Indiana Cannel, $7.50; Erie and Walnut Hill, $7.50@8.00; Lick Run, $7.50; Brooks, $7.50; Blossburg, $7.50; Hocking Valley, $8.50; Indiana block, $6.50; Minonk, $8.00; Wilmington, $4.50 @5.00; Barclay, $5.00.

COOPERAGE—The demand continues moderate. Quotations: Pork barrels, $1.15@1.25 whisky barrels, $1.9@2.00; lard tierces, $1.45@1.50; flour barrels, 43@ 45c; pork staves, rough, $15.00@19.00; do, bucked, $18.00@22.00; tierce, staves, rough, $20.00@21.00; bucked or sawed, $26.00@28.00; whisky staves, rough, $25.00@28.00; do, bucked, $28.00@31.00; flour staves, $7.50@9.50; circle flour heading, $7½@8c.

EGGS—Guaranteed packages sold to the retail dealers at 13¾@14c. Lots "off" in condition sold at irregular prices.

FISH—Fair activity in the country demand was reported, and with stocks considerably reduced the feeling among jobbers is one of firmness. No quotable changes were noted: No. 1 whitefish, ½-brl, $5.50@5.75; No. 2 do, $5.00@5.50; No. 1 trout, $5.25@5.50; No. 2 do, $4.75@5.00; mackerel, new, ½-brl, $10.00@10.75; No. 1 bay, $8.50@8.75; No. 2 mackerel, ½-brl, $7.00@7.25; family mackerel, ½-brl, $5.75@6.00; No. 1 shore kits, $2.15@2.25; bank codfish, $5.25@5.50; George's codfish, $5.75@ 6.00; Labrador herring, split, brl, $8.50@9.00; do, ½ brl, $4.25@4.50; Labrador herring, round, brl, $7.50@8.00; do, ½-brl, $4.00@4.25; ocean-trout, ₩ case, $9.25; Columbia River salmon, ½-brl, $9.75@ 10.00.

FRUITS AND NUTS—In the fruit market there was a quiet feeling. Orders were for small amounts and came chiefly from the country trade. Raisins continue very firm and bid fair to go still higher. We quote: FOREIGN—Dates, ₩ box, $1@1.90; figs, drums, 14@16c; figs, in boxes, layers, 17@18c; Turkish prunes, 12½@13½c; raisins, layers, $3.30@3.40; raisins, loose Muscatel, $4.00@4.10; Zante currants, 7½@ 7¾c; citron, 32@33c; lemon peel, 18@20c. Domestic—New York apples, extra, 13@13½c; Michigan sliced, 13@13½c; Michigan quarters, 12½@13c; Western do, 10¾@11¼c; Southern do, 10½@11c; peaches, halves, 11½@12½c; do mixed 10c@10¾c; blackberries, 18¾@19c; raspberries, 30@41c; pitted cherries, 30@40c. Nuts—Almonds, soft shelled, $1.00@1.01; whole, 78@80c; spears, $2.10@2.20; manufactured oil, strictly pure, $1.10; do extra, 90c; do, No. 1, 80c; bankoil, 55c; straits, 60c; elephant oil, 95c; plumbago oil, 75c; turpentine, 43@44c; naphtha, 63 gravity, 16c; naphtha, common, 13½@14c.

POTATOES—The market is in an unsatisfactory condition. The receipts to-day were smaller, but the stock on hand is very large, and a good portion of it unripe, and consequently unsalable. Choice new sell in a retail way at quotations: New potatoes, good to choice, $2.00@2.50 per brl.

POULTRY—The offerings were smaller, but the market was rather quiet, and prices ruled easy for spring chickens. Turkeys, 10@11c; old chickens, $5.50 @4.00; springs, $2.00@3.00 ₩ doz; ducks, $2.50.

SEEDS—Timothy was in moderate demand to fill orders, and not particularly strong. Seller the first half of August brought $3.10, and for seller the month $3.00 was asked. Flax was in request, and firm. Millet sold at $2@$3c. Flax and Hungarian were inactive. Timothy quotable at $2.65 @3.20, outside for choice; seller August, $3.00 asked; clover, $4.50@5.00; flax, $1.75; seller August, $1.70; millet, 40@60c; Hungarian, 45@60c; buckwheat, $1.10 @1.30. Sales include 25 bags choice timothy at $3.20; 222 bags prime at $3.10; 36 bags at $3.05; 55 bags at $3.02½; 75 bags at $3.00; 30 bags common at $2.80; 22 bags prime clover at $6.30; 150 bags millet at 60c; 27 bags at 45c; 53 bags at 30c.

SALT—Was active and steady. A Bay City exchange says: "The salt-market continues without change, the demand steady, the production steady at the price paid for some time, $1.25 cash. At the beginning of the present week, it was estimated by well-informed parties that there were not 15,000 barrels of packed salt upward on the river, no closed in it shipped off. In former years an accumulation at this time of 150,000 to 300,000 barrels has not been unknown. The shipments are almost exclusively by lake, only what goes direct to avoid interior points going by rail. The low rate of lake freights has a tendency to encourage prompt shipments as fast as the salt is packed out, as it is not often that carriers can be got at 14c to Chicago. Following are the quotations: Onondaga and Saginaw, fine, $1.70; Canada, do, $1.80; ordinary coarse, 1.90; coarse diamond, $2.00; ground solar, $2.00; dairy, without bags, $2.75; dairy, with bags, $3.00; Ashton dairy, per sack, $4.00 @4.25.

TEAS—Remain firm, under a fcontinued good demand at the prices following: Young Hyson, common to fair, 25@45c; do, good, 35@55c; do, choice to extra fine, 95c@$1.05; common to fine old hyson, 35@55c; common imperial, 45@60c; good to choice do, 95c@$1.05; fair to good gunpowder, 70@85c; choice Pinguney, $1.00@1.10; extra Moyune, $1.30@ 1.35; choice to extra new Japan, 95c@$1.00; common to good do, 65@75c; fair to good old, 60@65c; common do, 35@45c; common to fine Oolong, 35@45c; good, 55@65c; choice to extra, 85c@$1.00.

TOBACCO—The tobacco trade is fairly active, and prices are firm and advancing. We quote:

FINE CUT—Extra, 75@85c; choice, 60@65c; medium, 50@55c; poor to common, 35@45c.

PLUG—Natural leaf, 75@80c; half bright, 60@70c; black, sound, 45@50c.

SMOKING—Good to choice, 29@33c; medium, 25@ 30c; common, 20@27c.

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Schr City of Chicago, Duncan City, lumber.
Schr Dictator, Pentwater, lumber.
Schr James Wade, Charlotte, coal.
Schr G. Simmons, Manistee, lumber.
Schr C. P. Johnston, Manistee, lumber.
Schr G. J. Boeder, Muskegon, lumber.
Schr Mystic, Muskegon, lumber.
Schr Pathfinder, Muskegon, lumber.
Prop Idaho, Buffalo, sundries.
Prop Lake Breeze, Benton Harbor, sundries.
Prop Corona, St. Joseph, sundries.
Prop Topsy, Two Rivers, lumber.
Schr C. Harrison, White Lake, lumber.
Schr Mary Pentwater, lumber.
Schr Falcon, Ludington, lumber.
Schr R. B Hubbard, St. Joseph, lumber.
Schr Whirlwind, Ludington, lumber.
Prop Golden Harvest, Grand Haven, lumber.
Prop City of Erie, Grand Haven, lumber.
Prop Wolverine, Grand Haven, lumber.
Prop City of Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, lumber.
Schr Annette, Rogers' City, bark.
Schr Riverside, Oswego, coal.
Prop Transfer, Muskegon, lumber.
Schr C. D., Muskegon, lumber.
Schr Transit, Muskegon, lumber.
Schr South Haven, South Haven, lumber.
Schr Leo, Grand Haven, lumber.
Schr Chicago, Manitowoc, sundries.
Prop D. F. Wells, Port Huron, sundries.
Prop G. J. Truesdell, Green Bay, sundries.
Schr Bob Ray, Saugatuck, wood.
Schr Lobdell, Oswego, coal.
Schr Lobdell, Oswego, salt.
Schr Phillips, Manistee, lumber.
Schr Frederick, Muskegon, wood.
Schr Advance, Muskegon, lumber.
Schr L. & Skinner, Muskegon, lumber.
Schr J. Reed, Kewaunee, bark.
Schr Reed Johnson, Buffalo, coal.
Schr C. Kline, Buffalo, coal.
Schr Mary Benson, White Lake, lumber.
Schr Reed Johnson, Buffalo, coal.
Schr Spencer M. Filer, Ludington, lumber.
Schr Experiment, Clay Banks, bark.
Schr Thomas, Holland, lumber.
Schr Pride, White Lake, lumber.
Schr Sunset, Traverse Bay, lath.
Schr J. Cobbold, Muskegon, lumber.
Schr Antares, Muskegon, lumber.
Schr Daniel Ball, Muskegon, lumber.
Schr Oak Leaf, Oconto, lumber.
Schr Sophia, Ludington, lumber.
Schr Antonia Stanton, Cheboygan, lumber.
Schr Vermont, White Lake, lumber.
Schr Flying Cloud, Big Suamico, lumber.
Schr Ben Bolt, Ludington, lumber.
Schr Milan Allen, Menominee, lumber.
Schr Live Oak, Manistee, lumber.
Schr Two Brothers, Manistee, lumber.
Schr Sarah, Manistee, lumber.
Prop A. Van Valkenburg, Buffalo, stone.
Schr Marion Dixon, Grand Haven, bark.
Schr J. P. Ward, Grand Haven, bark.
Schr Josephine Pierce, Ludington, bark.
Schr Oswego, Oswego, coal.
Schr C. Finley, Oswego, coal.
Schr Hollo Howard, Oswego, coal.
Schr Belle Mitchell, Oswego, coal.
Schr E. Fitzhugh, Charlotte, coal.
Schr Bentley, Charlotte, coal.
Schr G. D. Norris, Good Harbor, wood.
Schr Gad Tillapp, Ludington, wood.
Schr Belle, Muskegon, wood.

Lake Freights

were moderate demand and lower, quotable at 2½c from to Buffalo, 2½c for dc to Port Colborne, and ½c dc to Kingston. The engagements were: To Buffalo—Schr Scotia, corn on private terms; schr Avon, corn on owner's accounts; prop Waverly, corn and oats through. To Port Colborne—Barges Ann and Judd, corn at 3½c. To Kingston—Schr Ida, corn at 6½c. To Montreal—Prop Shickluna, 70,000 bu. Total, 7. Capacity, 7,000 bu wheat and 9,000 bu corn. In the afternoon the prop Japan, with 20,000 wheat (18,000 bu) through via Buffalo, and 2 engagements of vessels that have come in recently have taken off their chains preparatory to going into ordinary. Business is so dull and freights are so low that vessel-men can make more money by keeping their crafts in service.

ELSEWHERE.

Another attempt is to be made to find the tug Ida Reed, sunk in Milwaukee Bay. This attempt will be made by the schr Reindeer, and her owners agree to pay $500 if she finds the tug inside for $800.

The new Harbor Boys, of Racine, laden with lumber for the Water-Works crib, ran upon the beach during the late storm, where the new lies full of water.

The schr Benjamin Brooks broke her iron rudder on Lake Michigan, and was towed to Detroit for repairs. The accident occurred Monday last.

The steamer Leviathan is going to make a final effort to float the prop City of Madison, ashore on Washington Island Reef. The prop Lewis Reed, Fessenden pumps are to be placed upon the Leviathan, and if these no not succeed in lowering the water in her hold the attempt to float her will probably be abandoned at once.

The Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* says it is only justice to the Milwaukee elevators to say that the 537 bushels shortage in the cargo of the schr Allegheny, which was recently commented on in the newspapers, has been traced to Erie, and the remainder to Buffalo. The Erie elevator managed to get 537 bushels more grain than the vessel was credited with. So the Milwaukee elevators are not the only delinquents.

—Notwithstanding the importance of the buoy at Bar Point to marine men, it is again necessary to chronicle the fact that the buoy is removed and has disappeared. Three times this season has this buoy been run into and displaced, and each time the carelessness is attributable to tugs towing rafts. This, the fourth time, will probably be the last, as the buoy has been lost. As the channel is so well known, and as the passage of rafts this season has, with one or two exceptions, been made in the daylight, it seems a trifle strange that these accidents should have happened. A temporary buoy has been put in position, and an application is now pending, before Government officials, for the Grand Government to locate and attend to a buoy and lights off Bar Point. As no definite decision has been reached by the Government, the result of the application is unknown.—*Detroit Post.*

RAILROAD NEWS.

THE WISCONSIN RAILROAD LAW.

The application of the Wisconsin State authorities for an injunction to compel the Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Companies to comply with the requirements of the Potter law will be heard in Madison on the 4th prox. The delay allowed by the Court, it was thought, might result in a compromise by which further litigation would be suspended until the decision of the United States Supreme Court can be had in Oct ober. The belief is current that a reduction of passenger rates to 3 cents per mile would appease popular irritation, and enable the State authorities to withdraw their suit. This position is taken by the leading politicians of both parties. In general, the public do not complain of the freight rates; but they have become convinced that passenger rates are rather too high. The fact that the citizens of Iowa are now traveling for 3 cents per mile confirms them in the belief that the reduced rate is sufficient. The companies, however, are not disposed to yield. A partial concession might be regarded as a recognition of the law, which would be a weakening of their position. A stubborn defense will, therefore, be maintained. Although the cases are precisely alike, the two Companies will have a separate hearing. In addition to the points raised at the recent trial in the United States Court, some new exceptions will be made that are relied upon to dismiss the case. The answers have been put in by the defendants.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Detroit *Tribune* says last March there was organized in Canada the Southern Railway Company, with John Mercer, Sheriff of Kent County, as President, and arrangements have been perfected to carry out the intention of the organization. It is proposed to construct a road from Windsor diagonally across Essex County in a southeasterly direction to the harbor of Two Creeks, in Kent County, on Lake Erie, a distance of about 40 miles. It will intersect the Canada Southern 10 miles east of Amherstburg. The harbor of Two Creeks has been surveyed by the Government, and reported upon by the engineer in charge as the best natural harbor on the north shore of Lake Erie, and subsequently to being made a first-class commercial and refuge harbor at a cost not to exceed $85,000, which outlay will be assumed by the Dominion Government in case the Southwestern Railway scheme shall be perfected. According to the chart, Two Creeks is 52 miles from Cleveland, and the plan is to establish a fast line of steamers to run across the lake between those points.

Considerable life is also infusing into the proposed railroad to connect Lakes Huron and Erie. The County Council of Kent have elected Mr. Langford, of Harwich, to represent that body, and the Directors have also elected Mr. Hammond, of Petrolia, as their Trustee. Mr. Wilson, of Enniskillen; Hunt, of Wyoming; and Noble, of Petrolia, have been added to the Board of Provisional Directors. The stock-books are to be opened at Petrolia, and also at Chatham, on the 1st of September.

CARRYING LIQUOR ON IOWA ROADS.

The provisions in the Iowa law prohibiting railroad companies from bringing into the State any intoxicating liquor without first having been furnished with a copy of the certificate authorizing the parties to whom said liquor is consigned to sell the same, has caused nearly all the Iowa lines in this city to issue orders in regard to this matter. The Illinois Central issued the following circular yesterday:

To All Agents:

In obedience to the provisions of the law in relation to the transportation of intoxicating liquors, you are hereby instructed to refuse to receive for transportation to any place in the State of Iowa any intoxicating liquors, including ale, beer, wine, or cider, unless the party offering same for shipment shall furnish a certified copy of authority for the consignee to sell the same as provided by the above law.

Certificate of this kind must accompany each and every shipment.

The forwarding agent will attach the certificate to the way-bill, the receiving agent will retain it as his authority for having the contraband goods in his possession.

THE BALTIMORE & OHIO.

On the Baltimore, Pittsburg & Chicago Railroad a temporary bridge has been put up over the Maumee River at Defiance, O., and track is laying west from that point. Gangs of tracklayers are also at work in Marshall and Laporte Counties, in Indiana, and work was to be begun this week, both eastward and westward from the crossing of the Cincinnati, Wabash & Michigan, in Kosciusko County. The grading will, it is expected, be all completed by the end of August, and the bridging before that time. Four steamboats are in use supplying the ballasting trains, which follow the tracklayers as closely as possible.

THE PLYMOUTH, KANKAKEE & PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

Samuel T. Hanna and a number of other bondholders of the Plymouth, Kankakee & Pacific Railroad Company] filed a bill yesterday in the United States Circuit Court, in behalf of themselves and any others who might join against the above-named Company, to foreclose a mortgage, given in 1871, on the whole of the road, to secure bonds to the amount of $3,600,000, with 10 per cent interest, payable in gold. It is alleged that none of the interest for the years 1872 and 1873 has been paid; that P. M. Kent has been appointed Receiver of the road for Indiana by authority of the Circuit Court of that State; that the road is not finished, and that it has practically been abandoned. Wherefore a foreclosure is asked, and the usual account.

NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY COMPLETED.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DES MOINES, Ia., July 27.—The Des Moines & Minnesota Narrow Gauge Railroad is completed to Ames, on the Northwestern Railroad, and the authorities at Ames will entertain an excursion-party from Des Moines next Wednesday in commemoration of the completion of the road. Henceforth there is direct communication via the Narrow Gauge and the Northwestern between this city and Chicago.

A LITTLE CONGRESSIONAL GAME.

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: It is time the people understood the trick which has lately been practiced by the majority in Congress, of cutting down the appropriations, even below the estimates, just before a general election, and then, with a great flourish, boasting of the economy and retrenchment of the Administration; but at the very next session, as soon as the election has been had and public attention is diverted from the subject, passing "deficiency" bills to make up the deficit. This cutting down was done two years ago, before the Presidential election, and was followed, at the next session after the election, by appropriations amounting to nearly $10,000,000, "to supply deficiencies" for that year! The same little game is being played now.

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Duryeas' Starch.

Housekeepers and laundresses will be pleased to know that Duryeas' famous "Satin-Gloss Starch" is now introduced in Chicago. The reputation of this article needs no comment. Its popularity in the East and in Europe, where it has been sold for the past fifteen years, is now extending over the Great West. The best judges declare it to be the "perfection of quality."

Pianos and Organs.

Grand square and upright pianos for sale. New pianos and organs for rent or for sale on monthly payments. Second-hand pianos taken in exchange as part pay for new. W. W. Kimball, State and Adams streets, Chicago.

Reed's Temple of Music.

Fine rosewood pianos, prices $300 to $700; terms $50 cash, balance $25 per month. Splendid organs with six stops for $125; terms, $25 cash, balance on monthly payments.

Geyser (Saratoga Water on Draught

By Buck & Rayner, makers of the "Mars Cologne."

—That gentle and fascinating nuisance, Dr. Mary E. Walker, and her pantaloons, are at the bottom of the trouble between Treasurer Spinner and Secretary Bristow. Mr. Spinner desires to give her an appointment in his Bureau, while Secretary Bristow refuses to permit it, and falls back on the Civil-Service rules.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

THE NEWSPAPER TRAIN.

When THE TRIBUNE announced to an expectant world and Milwaukee that it was going to run a special train out to the latter new suburb early sunday morning, to take refreshing copies of THE SUNDAY TRIBUNE to the starving intellects of the Cream City, the Chicago *Times* proclaimed with open throat that it, too, was going to send a train to Milwaukee with copies of itself. Nobody objected to this. If Chicago people are low enough to encourage the *Times*, it is fair to suppose that the people in the suburbs like

NEWSPAPER SHUT

too. So far so good. The great problem, however, was this: How could two trains start from the same point, run along the same track, and start at the same time without coming to immediate grief? That was the question. Great minds dropped the discussion of Chicago incendiarism and Brooklyn Beecherism to contemplate the consequences of such an attempt. Given two trains, going at great speed on the same track, but in different directions, and the consequences could be told in a moment. Let the speculative inquirer turn to the files of a daily paper of any date and the particulars of such an experiment can be found. But here was an entirely different set of circumstances. There was

NO PRECEDENCE

of a fast train pursuing another fast train. As THE TRIBUNE'S train would have been ahead, and the *Times'* train behind, the latter would never have caught up. But people wondered what the result would be. Perhaps there was some excuse for this uncertainty of effect to the minds of people unfamiliar with the slowness of the *Times*, and the railroad officials themselves showed it in a measure. As a general thing, give a railroad official a certainty, whether it be of safety or smash, and he will unflinchingly accept it; but sickly o'er the native hue of resolution with a pale cast of thought, and you cannot hire him to accept any o[ffer].

Thus, inasmuch as THE TRIBUNE has made arrangements with the officers of the Northwestern Railroad to run a special train

HALF AN HOUR EARLIER

than the special train bargained for by the *Times*, that ingrateful, and, we are sorry to add, untruthful, newspaper would have gone into Milwaukee in its own nasavory company at a late hour in the day, if indeed it could ever have reached there. But the railroad officials demurred against running two special trains in the same direction. The Superintendent suggested to THE TRIBUNE that it would be no disadvantage to allow the *Times* to share the same mail-car with it, and, acting upon this suggestion, THE TRIBUNE issued invitations to the other newspapers to come along, bring their light baggage with them, and have as pleasant a time as their respective consciences would allow. The *Times*

ACCEPTED THE INVITATION

with the easy grace of an experienced guest, and the first train was a brilliant success. And now look at the ingratitude of that mendacious paper. Look at the way it claims the train as its own. Think of the enterprise of accepting an invitation. That's what the *Times* means when it says:

The *Times* was looked to to take the lead in any journalistic advance. It was with less surprise, therefore, that the notification of this last great feat was greeted.

Pity the poor Hicks who looked for such a thing. And once more:

Shouted in chorus the runners who had assembled to direct the course of the passengers on the *Times* special train. One would have thought it was the noon-day express.

This is really paying out evil for good. To accept a ride in order not to be behind time, and then claim the honor of the occasion, is a characteristic of the *Times*. It will take several eternities to cure its *attaches* of this unfortunate habit.

THE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION.

The Citizens' Association of Chicago met last evening in Parlor No. 27 of the Palmer House, Gen. J. D. Webster in the chair.

Mr. H. R. Payson was elected Secretary pro tem., in the absence of Mr. Lyon.

The Chair stated that the principal object of the meeting was to hear the names of

THE COMMITTEE OF TWENTY

nominated by the Chairman for the purpose of nominating the Committee of One Hundred, consisting of five members from each ward in the city. He begged leave to submit the following names as such Committee: C. G. Hammond, George L. Dunlap, N. S. Bouton, P. W. Gates, H. P. Crane, Jacob Beidler, Potter Palmer, Louis Wahl, Thomas Mackin, G. C. Benton, James McKindley, Thomas Hoyne, L. B. Boomer, C. M. Henderson, Mr. Meyer, Simon Meyer & Sister, Mr. Potwin, of Frank Sturges & Co., John Mason Loomis, Nathan Mears, M. A. Devine, and Mr. Potter, of the North Side Bolling Mills.

The nominations were ratified.

A motion was made that a Committee of Five be appointed to draw up

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to the public explaining more fully the object of the Association than had been set forth in the constitution.

Gen. Chetlain suggested that, if the constitution were republished, everybody could read the objects of the Association.

The Chair then put the motion, which was carried. The following gentlemen were appointed: Messrs. Boomer, Storrs, Chetlain, Hoyne, and Dore.

The Chairman said that the members of the Committee of Twenty ought to meet for the transaction of business as early as possible.

It was announced that the Committee would meet in the same place at 8 o'clock this evening. The attendance of all members is particularly requested.

Printed copies of the constitution have been industriously circulated since Friday evening, and many of them were returned to the meeting numerously signed by leading citizens, representing all the business interests and professions. The Chair stated that there were between 300 and 400 names already on the rolls, and no difficulty was experienced in procuring signatures.

On motion of Emory A. Storrs, the Association adjourned until next Friday evening, when the report of the Committee of Twenty will be heard.

CRIMINAL.

CRIMINAL COURT.

John Adams pleaded guilty to the larceny of a watch from Edwin Brown, the actor, and was remanded.

Thomas Carmody, indicted under the charge of robbery, he having stolen a watch from Michael Keller, was called, and, on motion of his attorney, the case was continued till next term.

Anthony Rider, indicted for larceny, gave bail in $200, with John Wilcom as surety, for his appearance at the next term of the Court.

The trial of Dr. Earll, the abortionist, is set for this morning at 10 o'clock, and will occupy the Court, exclusive of all other business, until disposed of.

THE POLICE COURTS.

James Price was held under $400 bail to the Criminal Court yesterday by Justice Scully. He was charged with stealing a suit of clothes from No. 23 North Halsted street.

Lucien S. Grover and Robert Laney were fined $10 each by Justice Scully yesterday for insulting ladies on the streets, and also for a row in the Gault House Sunday night.

Lawrence Bohl, an Italian ice-cream peddler, has exercised the freedom of his business a little too far. He neglected to take out a license, and in crying "ice-cream" around the streets, an officer of the Mayor's staff desiring to see his license, he was unable to produce it; he was brought before Justice Boyden yesterday, who taxed him $5 for this violation of the city ordinance.

Daniel Brainard came within an inch of being a first-class murderer Sunday evening. He was in a house of ill-repute, on South Clark street, and was drunk. The proprietress tried to get him to go out, but he became angry, and, drawing a revolver, fired it at Kittie Clyde, an inmate. The ball just grazed her face. Brainard was arrested by Officer Casey, and charged with an assault with intent to kill. Yesterday morning he was brought before Justice Boyden, who fined him $100, and in addition thereto sentenced him to the Bridewell for ninety days. Nine months and twenty-three days will have expired when Brainard returns to the city, unless some unforeseen influence liberates him.

Albert Winters, the fellow who drove off a horse and buggy about ten days ago, the property of Philip Pinkington, at the corner of Third avenue and Jackson street, and who was arrested and brought before Boyden, and the case continued till the 25th inst., and arrested on that day continued to yesterday, was brought before the Justice for examination. After hearing the evidence in the case, which looked blue for the prisoner, Boyden concluded that the Grand Jury ought to examine into the affair, and therefore held him over to the Criminal Court in $500 bonds.

Justice Kaufmann yesterday continued the following cases: John McGann, bastardy, till Aug. 1, bonds of $800; Vendelius Steinbroker, assault with a deadly weapon, till Aug. 1, bonds of $900; Thomas Donnelly, assault with intent to commit rape, $600 bonds, till to-day; and David Becker and John Meyer, larceny, $300 bail each, till to-day.

T. J. Norton was arrested Sunday and brought before Justice Kaufmann yesterday to answer to playing the confidence game. Norton gave a check for a small amount of money to a gentleman named R. I. Dell. On presenting it at the bank on which it was drawn, the Cashier informed Mr. Dell that there was no money there to the credit of Norton. Dell thereupon caused the arrest of Norton, and then went on his bond for $300 for his appearance before the Justice Thursday.

Saturday afternoon a sneak-thief, styling himself James Price, surreptitiously entered the residence of Mr. Robert E. Pollock, at No. 21 North Halsted street, and abstracted a valuable coat, the property of that gentleman. As he was leaving the house he was observed by a little son of Mr. Pollock, who gave the alarm. The thief was immediately pursued, and, after a brisk run, was arrested on the corner of Randolph and Union streets, with the coat in his possession. He was escorted to the Madison Street Police Station, and yesterday morning introduced to Justice Scully, and was by him held to the Criminal Court for trial in bonds of $400.

John Parker, who gave his name as Parkhurst, was arrested yesterday morning, with James McDonald, by Officer Macauley, charged with larceny. They were arrested on a warrant sworn out before Justice Boyden, charging them with having appropriated a piano to their own use on the night of the fire. It seems that the instrument was rented from Kimball, who is the proprietor of a music store on State street, by Dan Wright, and was used by him in his saloon on Clark street, near Taylor. On the night of the fire, those fellows, under the pretense of moving it to a place of safety, hid it away, and refused to account for it. Yesterday morning they were brought before the Justice, who continued the hearing of the case till to-morrow under $300 bail. Parker, who is well known, gave the name as Parkhurst when arrested. He formerly tended bar for ex-Ald. Mansur, at the corner of Kinzie and North Clark streets, and subsequently owned a place of his own near the Turner Hall.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Wolf Rosendahl took out a warrant before Justice Haines yesterday for the arrest of Philip Rosenberg on a charge of larceny, alleged to have been committed last New Year's day in the house of the prosecutor, at which defendant was staying at the time. The article stolen was a lady's dress, in the pocket of which was the sum of $250. Defendant was held to bail in the sum of $750, which being provided he was set at liberty.

Lena Claussen appeared before Justice Boyden yesterday, and swore out a warrant for the arrest of William Wallaley, in which she charges him with her seduction, and that he accomplished her ruin by making her false promises of marriage. She says that it was on the 14th day of May last that he first won her affections, and since that time she has lived with him as his common-law wife, but that he still neglects to carry out the matrimonial part of the programme. She of late has seen cause to doubt his fidelity, and concluded to take out the warrant. When Wallaley is arrested and interviewed by Boyden it may have a salutary effect on him.

The case against the Robinson brothers, for perjury, came up again before Justice Roelle yesterday morning and occupied the entire day. The principal witness for the prosecution was A. D. Higgins, of Animosa, Ia., who testified that he stayed at the house of defendants in March last and left clothing and merchandise taken from his trunk when he had stayed there about three days. He brought suit then before Justice Roelle, but on the production then of evidence by defendants that they had settled with him by the payment of $54 and some cigars, they were acquitted. The perjury suit was brought subsequently. Some twenty-five witnesses were examined in all, among whom were witnesses brought to impeach the character of defendants. The case was finally adjourned for the hearing of arguments until Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, the defendants being held in a new bond of $3,000.

Molly Holbrook arrived here yesterday morning from New York, in charge of Detective Simonds, who took good care not to bring his prisoner through Canada, as Detective Miller did when she gave him the slip. She is wanted to answer the charge of larceny, in picking a lady's pocket, and not for a $20,000 bond robbery, as stated before. Her surety, George W. Brown, a colored man, secured her presence here. He was liable for $2,000, the amount at which Molly's bail was fixed over two years ago. The prisoner was kept at the Central Station until evening, and then sent to jail to await trial. She appears well, and claims to have reformed; but those who know her best say that her penitence is all a mask put on to screen her from the full penalty of the law. She has been a very bad woman in her best days, and if she has reformed it is through fear and for a motive which so cunning a person will be very apt to keep to herself.

Carl A. W. Wienberg has been playing sweet with Mrs. Adelia Esberg until that lady, becoming wearied of its continued and monotonous addresses of Wienberg in the light of a lover, thought it high time he should make propositions more substantial, and so informed him. He thereupon pretended first to be astonished, and afterwards amused, that a woman so much his elder as Mrs. Esberg was—he being a young man, and she a widow near on to 50—should for one moment entertain the preposterous idea that he in his attention to her contemplated matrimony, and stated to the lady in some lurid language that he had no such intention. Since giving Mrs. Esberg this piece of information, she has worried the life almost out of the young man in trying to induce him to wed her, but all to no avail. Finally the old lady concluded she would see what virtue there was in threats, and April last she violently informed Wienberg that if he did not wed her, and that very soon, she would not be responsible for his sudden demise. To this he paid no heed, and at last she made the locality of Chicago too hot for him, and he, to rid himself of her aggravating presence, concluded to shake the dust of the city from his feet, and his himself to the country. With this intent the unfortunate Wienberg began to shape his affairs so as to enable him to start a first-class country drug-store in the little Town of Lake Station, in Northern Indiana, near to and adjoining the southern boundary of Cook County. Mrs. Esberg, on learning the intention of the man whom she had determined should take her to be his lawful and wedded wife, for better or for worse, notified him he should never leave Chicago with a whole skin. This threat so completely demoralized Wienberg that yesterday he went before Justice Haines and swore out a warrant for her arrest, charging the old woman with making threats to do him bodily injury. On the other hand, Mrs. Esberg claims that she is possessed of this world's goods amounting to about $500,000, more or less, and Weinberg, knowing this, has wormed himself into her affections in order to obtain possession of a portion of her property; that he has succeeded in completely winning her love, and that he made propositions of marriage to her, which she accepted; that he by his attention to her ladyship has prevented other suitors for her hand and heart paying their addresses, and the chances are that, unless she can marry Wienberg, she will remain in a state of single blessedness the rest of her life. In making her will she didn't forget her youthful lover, and remembered him to the tune of $250,000. Be that as it may, the warrant was issued and placed in the hands of Constable Scanlan, who, upon going to her house, No. 173 West Indiana street, yesterday, was informed that Mrs. Esberg had gone down to Lake Station in the morning. Scanlan will follow her thither to-day on the first train that leaves the city for that station, and will undoubtedly bring the defendant back. The friends of Wienberg very much fear for his safety in case she reaches that point in advance of the Constable.

GENERAL NEWS.

The temperature yesterday, as observed by Mauasse, optician, under THE TRIBUNE Building, was, in the shade, as follows: 7 a. m., 65 deg. Fahrenheit; 10 a. m., 66; 12 m., 67; 3 p. m., 68; 6 p. m., 70; and 8 p. m., 66.

The losses of the Hartford companies by the last great Chicago fire are as follows: Ætna, $75,000; Atlas, $1,500; Connecticut, $3,000; Hartford, $40,000; National, $22,000; Orient, $2,100; Phœnix, $20,000. Total, $163,600.

George P. Treadway & Co., agents of the Lycoming Insurance Company, state that the Sunday papers were incorrect in asserting that C. F. W. Behl, of No. 288 North Clark street, was insured in that Company for $2,000. Mr. Behl never had a policy in the Lycoming, nor did he have a contract for one.

The Board of County Commissioners met yesterday afternoon, President Ashton in the chair. The room was filled with tax assessment books in course of examination by the Committee on Equalization of Taxes, whose labors will not be finished until to-day; and, as the room was in no condition to admit of a meeting, and as it was desirable not to obstruct the labors of the Committee, it was voted that the Board take a recess until Wednesday of this week, at 2 p. m.

Coles, who is trying to run a Sunday paper in Milwaukee, was in the city yesterday.

The Hon. Charles Crocker, one of the Directors of the Central Pacific Railroad, left this city for San Francisco yesterday morning, with a party of friends, in a special car, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

Julius Koll, a German, 52 years old, died suddenly yesterday morning at No. 24 Meridian street from the effects of intemperance. Deceased was single, and had been a saloon-keeper.

A horse attached to a Madison street car was taken with the blind staggers yesterday morning, and, on being unhitched near Union street, dashed on to the sidewalk and stumbled into the basement of No. 124. He broke his leg, and had to be killed.

The Board of Public Works have sent out about 1,000 notices to persons owning wooden buildings erected in violation of the Fire ordinance of 1872, calling upon them to remove such buildings within fifteen days. They have also advertised to the same effect in the daily papers, and upon the expiration of the fifteen days, which will be the 5th of August, a list of persons failing to comply with the notice will be given to the Corporation Counsel, who will proceed forthwith to enter suit against them.

Messrs. N. C. Ross, Charles Carr, J. W. Forrest, Ben Lanphier, Charles Smith, W. S. Stephens, Lewis Assenheim, H. Walker, J. Trent, George Vashtle, C. Rosenthal, F. Allen, and Charles McCandless, train-boys representing the various railroads running out of Chicago, took a holiday yesterday, and spent their leisure time in calling upon the various general news agents and newspaper offices.

John Larkins made a great mistake yesterday morning when he walked off the southern approach to Clark street bridge. He was about to jump on the bridge as it was coming around, but fell short of his calculation and went into the river. He seized hold of some spiles, and Officer Jameson procured a boat and rescued him. John is not used to swing bridges; he is from the country.

The Texas and Louisiana excursionists were waited on yesterday by a Committee of the Board of Trade, and conducted to the Chamber of Commerce building, where they were introduced by President How. Messrs. J. L. Adams, John M. Crockett, and M. L. Crawford eulogized Texas, Louisiana, Illinois, and Chicago, and explained the importance of having closer commercial relations between the sections. The party will leave this evening for Indianapolis.

THE METHODISTS.

The Methodist Preachers' Association met yesterday morning at the usual time, the Presiding Elder, Dr. Juckins, in the chair. The Rev. T. H. Haggerty, of St. Louis, led in prayer. The following were present: Hill, Hoover, Stokes, Parrish, Burns, Cantine, Martin, Peck, Astell, McKeown, Leonard, Gurney, McChesney, Felton, Marsh, Lutkins, Youker, Scott, Wakeman, Washburn, Meredith, Hill, Clendenning, Westergreen, and Edwards.

The Rev. T. H. Haggerty, Presiding Elder of the St. Louis district, was introduced. He gave his greetings, and reported the progress of the Church in the St. Louis Conference.

Special report was made by Dr. McKeown of the dedication of the M. E. Church at Evanston.

A general discussion ensued upon the prevalent method of erecting churches and trusting to a great effort on dedication day to raise subscriptions sufficient to meet the liabilities. Other methods were suggested by way of improvements, after which the meeting adjourned.

JOHN RICHARDS,

a German, several years resident in this country, met an accidental death yesterday, as follows: Richards is employed at Turner's packing and slaughter house, Nos. 518 to 542 Archer avenue. As about 3 o'clock in the morning, as cattle were being brought in from the pen to the bull-ring for slaughter, a couple of animals broke through, and rushed loose into the ring. In such cases the custom always is to kill the errant cattle by shooting. On this occasion George Turner, a son of the proprietor, seized his rifle to kill the animals. The first one was safely shot, the men hiding, as usual, under some cover or other while the shooting is going on. Young Turner next aimed for the second creature. His bullet entered her head near the eye, passed out under the lower part of the horn, thence through a two-inch door, and into the side of Richards, inflicting a wound of which he died in about half an hour. Deceased was about 30 years of age, had been at work in the slaughter house since spring, and previous to that at the Stock-Yards. Richards was entirely alone in this country, having not a friend or connection here. His remains were taken to his boarding-house on Archer avenue, near Main street, the place being kept by a man named Donnaker. Word was at once sent to the police-station, but it was not thought there was any occasion for holding young Turner, the affair being purely an accident. The Coroner was telegraphed for, but the inquest was not to have been held until to-day.

SIXTH WARD SEWERAGE.

The Committee of the Sixth Ward appointed Saturday evening met last night at 7:30 W. Farrell was called to the chair. W. Scott was made Secretary. A committee consisting of Messrs. Leary, Radclift, and Kramen were appointed to draft resolutions. They reported the following, which were adopted:

We, the property-holders in the south division of the Sixth Ward who are interested in the improvement of said section of the ward under our share or pro rata of the sewerage tax levied upon the property of the Sixth Ward present these, our resolutions in meeting assembled, as a committee appointed by the property-holders of the south division of the Sixth Ward, to be presented to the Board of Public Works of the City of Chicago.

WHEREAS, There is now appropriated by the Common Council of the City of Chicago for the purpose of sewering the Sixth Ward the sum of $65,000, and

WHEREAS, The main section line for main sewer south of Twenty-sixth street is Thirty-first, and said main commencing on Thirty-first street west of Clark street and running thence west to the South Branch of the Chicago River, where said main is properly located in regular order of the mains under the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, We are now laboring under an extreme suffocation by the stench that proceeds from the stagnant waters now lying in the street ditches, notwithstanding our often appealed wants to our Aldermen, who have remained silent as to our wants and appeals.

Resolved, That we, the aforesaid property-holders in the aforesaid section of the Sixth Ward, submit these, our resolution, to the Honorable Board of Public Works of the City of Chicago, and demand that the main sewer be immediately completed from the aforementioned place west, out of the sewerage fund appropriated for the purpose aforesaid, to the South Branch as above stated.

It was voted to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock, at Peter Marsh's saloon, to proceed to the Board of Public Works. The vacancy caused by the withdrawal of Dwyer from the Committee was filled by J. J. Miller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Committee on Equalization of Taxes will continue receiving complaints to-day.

There will be a temperance meeting Wednesday, at half-past 2 o'clock p. m., in the prayer-room of the Y. M. C. A., No. 148 Madison street. Several ladies from abroad will be present and address the meeting. All women interested in the cause are urged to be present. The meeting will be open to all.

Judge Farwell will deliver his decision in the matter of the Ada Street Church appeal in the Criminal Court, at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The ladies of Kenwood will give a moonlight fete Thursday evening on the grounds of W. H. Waters, on Hyde Park avenue, near Forty-ninth street. Single tickets are $2, including car fare, music, dancing, and supper.

The proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and British provinces, held in Dayton, O., in June of this year, have been published and can be obtained at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, No. 148 East Madison street, for 50 cents a copy.

The members, adherents, and friends of the First Scotch Presbyterian Church, of Chicago, who are opposed to the changes contemplated which now agitate the congregation, and who are in favor of maintaining the forms of worship, psalmody, and doctrines of the Church of Scotland, are specially invited to meet in the basement of said church Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, to consider and adopt such "measures as may be deemed best to avert the crisis that now seems imminent in the congregation.

THE CITY HALL.

The receipts in the water-office for water-taxes were $2,289.63.

Numerous applications of property-owners are continually being made to the Board of Public Works for the correct numbers to their property. For the information and convenience of the public, the Board would state that only the three following streets are yet mapped out: Vernon avenue, Ellis avenue, and Chestnut street.

The Board of Public Works yesterday issued the following permits: G. B. Thorp, two-story and basement brick, 122x46, at the southeast corner of Monroe street and Seeley avenue; C. L. Jenks, two-story and basement brick, 98x60, at 488 South Clark street; F. A. Wichelmann, two-story and basement brick, 40x190, on Adams street, near State.

City-Attorney Jamieson was engaged all day in drafting a new ordinance respecting the fire-limits.

The Board of Public Works yesterday opened bids for coal for the use of the City-Hall, bridges, and parks of the city. The lowest bid was $6.20. No award was made.

The Committee on Railroads met in the City Clerk's office at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. They indulged in a drive to inspect a switch track at the corner of West Water and Washington streets, and also the encroachments of the railroad company's track on Kinzie street. They will make their report at the next meeting of the Common Council.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

CICERO.

At the meeting of the Town Board yesterday the License Committee reported adversely on the four petitions to sell liquor at the Northwestern Car-Works, and the report was approved. The Committee deserve great credit for their thorough work in looking into the character of these petitions. The town ordinance requires that a majority of the legal voters living within a half a mile of the proposed saloon shall sign the petition. The Women's Temperance Union had examined the matter far enough to lead to the belief that the majority were opposed to saloons. To make sure of the matter, Messrs. Eckhart, Herrick, Donnersberger, the License Committee, canvassed the Car-Works village in person. Of the eighty-four voters there, the names of not over forty were found among the sixty or more on each petition with which the saloon-keepers had sought to make sure their case. Of course the Committee unanimously reported that the prayer of the petitioners be refused. There is now no place in the town where liquor can be legally sold. A new petition from Brighton was referred to the Committee, to be reported upon at a subsequent meeting.

The Oak Park Cricket Club is in full tide of training to play the Chicago "Eleven" Thursday. This fine old English game awakens so much enthusiasm that it has drawn into its membership the Congregational and Baptist ministers of the place. The test game Thursday will commence at 11 o'clock and last probably through the day, taking a recess at 2 o'clock to discuss the lunch to be provided by Mr. J. H. S. Quick, the President of the Club, in whose fine park the game is to be played.

EVANSTON.

Mr. J. S. Page was elected a member of the Evanston Board of Education Saturday evening, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Blanchard.

AMUSEMENTS.

HOOLEY'S THEATRE.

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SPORTING MATTERS.

The Whites Defeat the Atlantics 13 to 2.

Inauguration of the New Trotting Park at Fort Wayne.

Entries for the Utica Races.

BASE BALL.

THE WHITES AND ATLANTICS.

The fifth game in the championship series between the White Stockings, and the Atlantics, of Brooklyn, was played yesterday afternoon on the Twenty-third street grounds, and was witnessed by about 3,000 people. With the exception of Force, the members of the home club played magnificently, both at the bat and in the field, taking such a lead in the first two innings that the game, as a contest, lost all interest for the audience. The score at the end was 13 to 2, and had it not been for errors by Force the visitors would not have got any runs at all. This young man should be spoken to about his carelessness. He is a splendid player, but of late he has been very listless in his manner, and has been guilty of more or less errors in every game. He will find himself without any professional reputation if this sort of thing continues long. The Atlantics were in bad trim, and gave a poor exhibition. In the first inning they allowed the White Stockings to make 5 when they should have whitewashed them. Ferguson was to blame. After Cuthbert was put out, he muffed a grounder knocked to him by Force, and that player secured a base. Then Malone was put out, and the batting began. Meyerle started off with a fair-foul hit to left field for two bases. Hines' grounder was muffed by Fleet at second base, after which Treacy, Glenn, Peters, and Zettlein made safe hits. It came Cuthbert's time again, and he was the first and last out in the inning. In the second inning the Whites made 3, and earned one of them. Force earned a base by a safe liner to centre field, and went to second while Malone was being put out. A low throw by Ferguson allowed him to reach third, and gave Meyerle a life. At this juncture Hines got the ball square on the end of his bat, and lifted it over the fielders' heads for three bases. This brought Force and Meyerle home, and a subsequent safe hit by Glenn enabled Hines to score. Despite a base hit by Cuthbert and a two-base hit by Force, the third inning resulted in a blank for the Whites, and in the fourth inning they were similarly disposed of, though errors by Ferguson and Pearce let two men get on bases. In the fifth inning the Atlantics scored their first run, errors by Malone, Peters, and Force giving it to them. The Whites made two in this inning to which they were not entitled, Ferguson, Chapman, and Fleet not playing a sharp fielding game. The sixth inning was distinguished by a fine one-hand catch by Pearce, which was loudly applauded. Fleet and Chapman offset it, however, and the result was an unearned run for the Whites. The seventh inning yielded nothing, but in the eighth and ninth the Whites made one, each, both of which were earned by safe batting. The Atlantics also scored in the last inning on a muff by Force. Generally speaking, the Chicago Club played one of its best games. Treacy was especially effective in the right field, making several difficult running catches. Glenn was all that could be desired at first base, and handled the bat with rare skill, as also did Hines and Peters. The Atlantics were so overmatched that there was not the least excitement about the game. Following is the

SCORE:

CHICAGO.	R	1B	P	A	E	ATLANTIC.	R	1B	P	A	E
Cuthbert, l f	0	1	1	1	0	Pearce, s. s.	0	1	1	3	1
Force, 3 b..	1	2	2	3	4	Booth, l. f..	1	2	2	4	0
Malone, c..	1	0	2	3	0	Chapman, c..	0	0	2	9	2
Meyerle, 2 b	3	2	3	6	4	Fleet, 2 b..	0	2	1	2	4
Hines, c. f..	2	3	5	2	0	Bond, p.....	0	1	1	0	1
Treacy, r. f..	2	1	1	3	0	Ferguson, r..	0	0	1	1	5
Glenn, 1 b..	2	2	4	6	0	Denham, 1 b	0	1	1	12	0
Peters, s. s.	1	1	4	1	4	Clack, c. f..	1	1	1	2	0
Zettlein, p..	0	1	1	0	0	Knowlin, c..	0	0	2	2	0
Totals....	12	13	22	27	14	7	Totals...	2	13	14	27	9

Runs earned—White Stockings, 3; Atlantics, 0.
Bases on errors—White Stockings, 7; Atlantics, 4.
Left on bases—White Stockings, 9; Atlantics, 5.
Passed balls—Malone, 1; Knowdill, 2.
Wide pitches—Zettlein, 1.
Time of game—One hour and 40 minutes.
Umpire—Mr. McLean, of Philadelphia.

THIS AFTERNOON,

the charity game for the benefit of the Home for the Friendless, which had to be postponed Friday on account of the weather, will be played between the White Stockings and the Franklins, and no doubt there will be a large attendance, as the ladies connected with the arrangement of the Home have taken a great deal of interest in the success of the entertainment.

WOOD'S BENEFIT.

To-morrow afternoon the White Stockings and Atlantics will play a ten inning game, with ten men on a side, for the benefit of Jimmy Wood, the amputation of whose leg was recently reported. It is unnecessary to remind any admirer of base ball in Chicago that he ought to attend, for Wood is a popular favorite with the entire city. It is safe to say that he will have the largest benefit that has ever been given here.

THE TURF.

THE CLEVELAND RACES.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CLEVELAND, O., July 27.—The summer meeting of the Cleveland Club opens to-morrow. Already an immense crowd is in town, two carloads of sports arriving on the evening train from Chicago. The weather is cold, cloudy, and threatening. It has rained more or less most of the time since Friday, but the track is reported in good condition, and the horses, without exception, in fine feather. Contrary to the usual custom, the first day's programme opens with a first-class race, $5,000 purse, to horses without record below 2:24. For this race there are seven entries, as follows: Mile heats, to harness, three in five; purse, $2,500; $1,250 to first, $1,250 to second, and $750 to third. C. S. Green, Babylon, N. Y., b. m. Lulu; M. Roden, New York, b. g. Castle Boy; J. S. Rowell, Chicago, g. m. Badger Girl; Abner Rush, Sharon, Pa., b. g. Brother Jonathan; A. E. Brown, Cleveland, b. g. Derby; Dan Mace, New York, ch. g. Triumph; H. C. Goodrich, Chicago, b. g. Bodine. Pools are selling to-night in five places at and about the Kennard House. For the first race Castle Boy is the favorite, selling for $50; Lulu, $40; Brother Jonathan, $20; Bodine, $11; field, $15.

The second race is for horses which have never trotted better than 2:34; mile heats, to harness, three in five; purse, $2,500; $1,250 to the first, $625 to the second, $375 to the third, and $250 to the fourth. Entries—S. T. Bane, Cleveland, br. m. Lady Alice; W. J. Walworth, Kokomo, Ind., r. s. Monarch, Jr.; W. B. Brasfield, Lexington, Ky., b. s. Bowman Clark Chief; E. A. Fuller, Worthington, O., g. g. Jerry Postell; A. M. Wilson, Youngstown, O., b. m. Frank; J. H. Williams, Toledo, O., b. g. Tom Britton; J. Leedorn, Erie, Pa., b. m. Effie; John Hines, Minerva, O., br. m. Jean Ingelow; A. Falk, Steubenville, O., b. m. Kitty D.; James Dangrey, Chicago, g. g. Ben Smith; E. M. Strode, Steubenville, s. g. Red Oak. In this race, Monarch, Jr., sells even against the field. Pool selling is very lively, and large amounts of money are already staked.

The third race is for horses which have never trotted better than 2:50; mile heats, to harness, three in five; purse, $2,500; $750 to the first, $375 to the second, $225 to the third, and $150 to the fourth. Entries—Lyder & Green, East Fairfield, Limber Jim; Samuel Boss, Waterbury, Conn., b. g. Major Root; T. T. Oliver, Cincinnati, s. g. T. J. Stephens; G. H. Olmsted, Erie, Pa., b. g. Lewinsky; Ben Mace, New York, br. g. James Howell, Jr. In this race Howell, Jr., sells at two to one against the field. It is hard to get any bets against him, as it is thought by the initiated that he can go in 2:35 if crowded.

All the prospects, except the weather, are favorable for the finest week of racing ever seen in Cleveland.

INAUGURATION OF THE NEW TRACK AT FORT WAYNE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., July 27.—A big crowd gathered this afternoon to witness the formal opening of the new track of the Agricultural Society. The track is half a mile in length, 60 feet wide, and is without doubt the best in the State. The track was in good condition, and weather fine.

The first race was for trotters and pacers, mile heats, best three in five, to harness. There were five entries—Little Sam, Anthony Wayne, of Fort Wayne, Lucy and Eagle Maid, of Huntington, and Lady Yantz, of Columbia City. The latter two were withdrawn. The race was won by Lucy, bay pacing mare, owned by W. Helm, of Huntington, in three straight heats. Little Sam second. Time—2:38¼; 2:35¾; 2:36.

The second was a running race, half-mile heats, best 3 in 5. There were six entries and four starters, as follows: Collector, of Chicago; Dick Lewis, of Muskegon; Mick and Country Billy, of Claysville, Ind.; and Red Bird, of Ft. Wayne. Dick Lewis won the race in three straight heats. Time—55¾; 56¾; 56.

In the first race Mad Anthony Wayne ranked as favorite in the pools.

THE UTICA MEETING.

The following is a complete list of the entries for the Utica races, which commence on the 11th of August, and last through four days:

2:34 CLASS.

J. H. Williams, Toledo, O., br. g. Tom Britton.
F. M. Weatherbee, Laugdon, N. H., br. m. Jean Ingelow.
James McKeon, Youngstown, O., ch. g. Reserve.
J. D. Gillett, Jr., Adams, N. Y., b. g. Proctor.
G. B. Goff, New York, br. m. Lady Woods.
G. Walker, New York, b. m. Lady Annie.
N. De Graff, St. Paul, Minn., gr. g. Tearaway.
August Falk, Steubenville, O., b. m. Kittie D.
O. W. Wilson, Cleveland, O., br. m. Frank.
William Dempster, Erie, Pa., b. s. Bonnie Doon.
G. V. Levius, Belleville, Ont., b. m. Eva, formerly Ella Willard and Ruth.
W. J. Walsworth, Kokomo, Ind., rn. s. Monarch, Jr.
I. S. Carpenter, Medford, Mass., b. s. Commodore Perry.

2:24 CLASS.

William B. Smith, Hartford, Conn., blk. s. Thomas Jefferson.
M. Roden, New York, b. g. Castle Boy.
Abner Rush, Sharon, Pa., b. g. Brother Jonathan.
H. C. Goodrich, Chicago, Ill., b. g. Bodine.
I. S. Carpenter, Medford, Mass., s. m. Susie.

2:45 CLASS.

S. F. Twitchell, South Framingham, Mass., b. g. Wellsley Boy.
Henry Casey, New York, rn. m. Rosa Sonburg.
John D. Gillett, Adams, N. Y., b. g. Proctor.
J. Ayers, New York, b. m. Carrie, formerly Politics.
R. F. Stetson, Philadelphia, Pa., b. g. Charles N. Russell.
T. T. Oliver, Cincinnati, O., s. g. T. J. Stephens.
Abner Rush, Sharon, Pa., gr. g. Magnolia.
M. J. Gullivan, Hartford, Conn., br. g. Maj. Root.
George W. Fitzwater, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa., g. g. Filbert.
F. J. Nodine, Brooklyn, b. m. Volunteer Maid.
George Saunders, Clyde, N. Y., blk. g. Young Wilkes.
J. L. Doty, New York, b. g. Frank Klock.
R. J. Wheeler, Toledo, O., b. m. Ida W.
W. H. Parker, East Saginaw, Mich., Little Jake.

2:29 CLASS.

John Hines, Minerva, O., gr. g. Silversides.
William H. Wood, Buffalo, N. Y., b. g. Governor.
E. W. Williams, Nashville, Tenn., b. g. Scotts Chief.
Henry Casey, New York, blk. m. Lady Byron.
M. Goodin, Philadelphia, Pa., b. g. Stewart Maloney.
O. W. Mitchell, Saratoga Spa, b. g. George H. Mitchell.
C. S. Green, Babylon, L. I., gr. m. Fleety Golddust.
C. W. Bliven, Norwich, N. Y., spt. g. Spotted Colt.
W. H. Trimble, Newburg, N. Y., ch. m. Music.
H. S. Russell, Milton, Mass., b. s. Smuggler.
J. C. Echerson, New York, b. g. Everett Ray.
J. L. Doty, New York, br. s. Hamperion.
Alb Wells, Laskay, Ont., ch. m. Kitty Wells.
Robert Johnson, Medford, Mass., b. m. Lady Mac.
E. K. Bradbury, Coxsackie, N. Y., b. g. Berkshire Boy.

2:38 CLASS.

F. W. Williams, Nashville, Tenn., b. m. Nashville Girl.
O. G. Stetson, Clinton, N. Y., rn. g. Roan Jack.
S. F. Twitchell, South Framingham, Mass., b. m. Kittie, formerly Lucy.
James McKeon, Youngstown, O., ch. g. Reserve.
Edward Marsh, Chicago, Ill., rn. g. George Judd.
G. B. Goff, New York, br. m. Lady Woods.
C. S. Green, Babylon, L. I., sr. g. Wallace.
L. Woodruff, Fleetwood Park, gr. g. Royal George.
R. P. Stetson, Philadelphia, Pa., blk. m. Lizzie Patchen.
W. L. Simmons, New York, b. m. Bella.
Abner Rush, Sharon, Pa., gr. g. Magnolia.
D. De Graff, St. Paul, Minn., s. g. Tearaway.
O. M. Wilson, Cleveland, O., br. m. Frank.
G. W. Fitzwater, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa., s. g. Hunter.
F. J. Nodine, Brooklyn, b. g. Hamton.
R. J. Wheeler, Toledo, O., br. m. Brown Kate.
J. L. Doty, New York, b. g. Frank Klock.
S. A. Brown, Grand Rapids, Mich., blk. m. Lady Turpin.

2:26 CLASS.

James G. Pilcher, Newburg, N. Y., b. g. Commodore.
R. P. White, Adams, N. Y., br. g. Buzz.
C. S. Green, Babylon, L. I., br. m. Lucille Goldcast.
T. T. Oliver, Cincinnati, O., s. g. Thos. L. Young.
O. W. Wilson, Cleveland, O., g. m. Grace.

2:31 CLASS.

E. A. Lytle, Youngstown, O., rn. g. Slow-go.
W. Goodlin, Philadelphia, Pa., b. g. Stewart Maloney.
O. W. Mitchell, Saratoga Spa, b. g. Geo. H. Mitchell.
H. W. Howe, Prospect Park, sr. g. Geo. B. Daniels.
H. J. Russell, Milton, Mass., b. s. Smuggler.
R. F. Stetson, Philadelphia, Pa., b. m. Stella Kurtz.
W. L. Simmons, New York, b. g. Kansas Chief.
B. Wilson, New York, br. m. Carrie.
Alb Wells, Laskay, Ont., ch. m. Kittie Wells.
James Jameson, Erie, Pa., rn. m. Anna, formerly Lady Alice.
J. H. Williams, Toledo, O., b. g. Vanity Fair.
E. K. Bradbury, Coxsackie, N. Y., b. g. Berkshire Boy.

2:20 CLASS.

A. Goldsmith, Blooming Grove, N. Y., b. m. Huntress.
J. E. Turner, Philadelphia, Pa., b. m. Nettie.
M. Rhoden, New York, b. g. Castle Boy.
W. B. Smith, Hartford, Conn., blk. s. Thos. Jefferson.

DEATH OF A $17,000 HORSE.

BOSTON, July 27.—The stallion Galbreth Knox died at Beacon Park on Saturday. His owner paid $17,000 for him.

AQUATIC.

SADLIER AND BROWN TO ROW A MATCH.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 27.—The Rowing Club has decided to accept George Brown's challenge to Sadlier, the English champion sculler, for a 5-mile race, with one turn, for £500 a side.

THE NORTHWESTERN STATES.

News Items Telegraphed to the Chicago Tribune.

ILLINOIS.

William Bradshaw, a lad 17 years old, went out to Eldred's pond, near Carrollton, late on Saturday afternoon last, with other boys for the purpose of bathing. Bradshaw had not been in the water long when he called for help. Edward Halbirt, about the same age, undertook to rescue him, but in the struggle came near drowning himself. Halbirt barely succeeded in breaking away from the drowning boy, who sank and was seen no more until his body was recovered during the night.

—A brakeman on the Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western Railroad, named Harry Beam, had his left hand terribly crushed between the cars, while coupling, yesterday. His hand was amputated, leaving the thumb.

—John Arbuckle, the miner injured in the coal shaft near Bloomington Saturday, died yesterday at noon.

—This morning there will be a grand temperance display in Ottawa by the Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society, attended by the several societies of that order in LaSalle County. The General Society of the State will also meet there in convention.

The LaSalle County Teachers' Association is now in session at Ottawa.

INDIANA.

A young man named Garry Dewitt, employed on the Toledo, Wabash & Western Railway, while standing on the top of a freight train Sunday evening, in passing under a bridge near Lafayette, was killed instantly by his head coming in contact pith the bridge, completely crushing his skull.

—Elmer Price and William Messner, aged 13 and 15 years, while bathing in Wild Cat Creek, near Lafayette, Saturday evening, got beyond their depth, and, being unable to swim, were drowned. The bodies were recovered and were firmly clasped together.

—Maj. John W. Odell, residing near Shawnee Mound, Tippecanoe County, died Saturday last. He was one of the oldest settlers, going there from Adams County, Ohio. He took an active part in the War of 1812 and in the Blackhawk War.

—The Coroner's Jury in the case of Willie Reaves, found in Dehno's artesian well in Terre Haute in a state of unconsciousness, yesterday rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death by inhaling the gas that arises with the water. Supt. Dyall, of the gas-works, was almost suffocated at the same place some time since.

—George Castolon, a citizen of Hagerston, died there July 25, aged 109 years and 11 months. He was born in Pennsylvania, Aug. 2, 1764.

IOWA.

A man named J. Lacey fell from a three-story building in Dubuque Saturday last, and died yesterday from the effects of the fall.

—The Twenty-second Regiment of Iowa Infantry will have a reunion at Iowa City on the 20th of October. The regiment enlisted with ex-Gov. Stone as Colonel, and afterwards, when Stone was nominated for Governor, was commanded by Col. Graham.

—The Normal School, which takes the place of the Teachers' Institute, began a session of four weeks in Des Moines yesterday, with seventy teachers in attendance.

—The ladies of DesMoines are preparing for a Centennial Tea-party, with a view to starting a State organization to aid the national celebration at Philadelphia in 1876.

MICHIGAN.

George Decamp, of Sand Lake, was arrested and taken to Grand Rapids yesterday to answer the charge of rape committed upon his stepdaughter.

—George Edwards, a teamster, was arrested in Grand Rapids yesterday on the charge of adultery with Mile. Cordelia, a barepack circus rider. The arrest was made upon the complaint of John Morrison, husband of Cordelia.

—The militia companies of Detroit recently sent to Marquette to guard against labor outbreaks have been ordered home.

—Quite a number of revenue seizures took place among tobacco men in Detroit yesterday, over $300,000 being involved. Among the well-known establishments concerned are Lutter Bros., Oliver Goldsmith, Rothschild Bros., Ilges & Reuer, and E. Neiderlander. All the cases seem to be mere technical violations of the Revenue regulations, and the ultimate penalties inflicted will not be large.

—Incendiary fires near Bay City have been discovered in the last day or two, most of which were put out early, but two yesterday morning destroyed the houses of Messrs. M. A. Baker and W. A. Shaw.

OHIO.

Sunday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, a lad named Cooman, with a companion, went into the field of a man named Horst, 5 miles below Dayton, for the purpose of stealing roasting-ears, when Horst, who was watching them, shot young Cooman in the side with a rifle-ball, inflicting a wound painful but not serious. Horst is under arrest.

—Grand preparations are being made in Dayton for the reception of Gov. Allen, who will visit the Soldiers' Home next Thursday.

WISCONSIN.

The hotels at Geneva Lake continue full, and at times are overcrowded. Another hotel as large as the present one could be easily filled at this time. The guests are principally from Chicago and St. Louis.

—The contract for grading and tieing the railroad from Eau Claire to Chippewa Falls has been let to McDonaghue, of Minneapolis.

MINNESOTA.

A 12-year-old daughter of Thomas Finroty, laborer, of St. Paul, ten days ago started to carry dinner to her father. She lost her way, and wandered near the Harvest Works, and was kept over night by Mrs. Hill, who the next morning sent her into the city with a stranger, who told Mrs. Hill he had left the girl on St. Peter street, where she said she could find her way home. Since that day no trace of the girl can be found.

POLITICAL.

The Congressional Outlook in Minnesota.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 27.—On the surface, the Third Congressional District Republican nomination seems secured for King, who has traveled through the district and gained nearly all the country papers to his support; but Averill is still working hard for a renomination, and may produce a reaction in his favor. Among the curiosities of the canvass is the publication to-day of the evidence used in the lawsuit last November, in which King was proven to have been with his family residing in Washington for two years, and hence was out of the jurisdiction of the State courts. Use is also being made of the unpopularity of the Puget Sound Land Company, which has grabbed the most of the town-sites on the St. Paul & Pacific and Northern Pacific, to which Company King is said to belong. Whoever is nominated, the Republican vote of the district will fall off materially. In the Second District, Strait appears to have a clear field for a renomination, with the Opposition divided between Cox, of Nicollet, McDonald, of Scott, and Baxter, of Rice. The district is likely to be carried by the Opposition.

In the First district, Dunnell's renomination has produced a defection among the Republicans, which will put the District in the Opposition, whose candidate will probably be Buell, of Houston.

Republican Nominating Convention Called in the Sixth Wisconsin Congressional District.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

OSHKOSH, Wis., July 27.—The Republican Committee for the Sixth Congressional District to-day called the convention to meet here Sept. 15, to nominate a candidate for Congress in place of Philetus Sawyer. The candidates most prominently mentioned are A. M. Kimball, Pine River; E. L. Browne, Wanpacca; J. S. Curtis, Green Bay, and George H. Myers, Appleton. Mr. Sawyer declines a renomination.

Independent Nominating Congressional Convention Called.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

YORKVILLE, Ill., July 27.—The Committee appointed by the Springfield Convention to represent the Independent Reform party in the Seventh Congressional District have prepared a call for a nominating convention. It is generally conceded that Mr. Corwin will be renominated by the Republicans, so that the Independents have nothing to gain by delay. Those best posted believe that neither Mr. Corwin nor any other straight Republican can be elected in this district next November. The call is addressed to the legal voters of the Seventh Congressional District who approve of the principles adopted by the Independent Reform Convention held at Springfield June 10, 1874, and appoints Morris as the place and Aug. 13 as the day for holding the Convention.

Indignant Republicans Protest Against a Packed Convention.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

FORT MADISON, Ia., July 27.—It appears from the following protest that the Republicans of Jefferson County are not satisfied with the actions of John H. Gear, candidate for Congress in the First District in Iowa, at the Convention held at Fairfield last Saturday: "In the Jefferson County Convention, held at Fairfield, Saturday, July 25, 1874, there were some loose bricks in that solid delegation. Before the vote was announced, Capt. W. T. Burgess made some remarks regarding the manner in which the Convention proceeded, arguing that such a course was contrary to usage, and unprecedented in any action heretofore ever adopted by a Republican Convention; that it was a privately prepared plan to secure the delegation for a certain candidate against the wishes of those who might favor some other candidate; therefore, he entered his protest against the whole proceedings, and refused to vote in the Convention, thereby keeping himself free to act in the contest that is to come before the Congressional Convention to be holden on the 4th of August in this city. He protested that it was not a fair or honorable proceeding, and was, to every intent and purpose, a packed Convention. (Signed) W. T. BURGESS.

"We indorse the protest of W. T. Burgess, and sustain him in it, believing that the action of a few members of the Convention was arbitrary, unfair, and unprecedented.

(Signed) "W. W. JUNKIN,
" DR. J. W. HAYDEN,
" J. W. PANCOAST,
" M. CLABRIDGE."

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

The Lake-Superior Miners' Strike.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ESCANABA, Mich., July 27.—A few men commenced work in the mines this morning, and notice was given that all who desired a final settlement could call at the office and get their pay today; and that if they refused to go to work by to-morrow, they must remove from the Company's locations. The Sheriff of Marquette County arrested two of the leaders of the strikers to-day, and is looking for others. Several meetings have been held by the strikers, and many incendiary speeches made, but no persons or property have as yet been injured.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 27.—Probabilities—For the Upper Lake region and the Northwest clear or fair weather, east or south winds, slight rise of temperature, and stationary or falling barometer.

LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.
CHICAGO, July 27, 1874.

Hour of observation.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Direction and force of wind.	Weather.
6:53 a. m..	30.04	66	84	N. E., fresh..	Clear.
11:18 a. m..	30.03	66	57	N., fresh.....	Clear.
2:00 p. m..	30.00	68	56	N., fresh.....	Clear.
6:53 p. m..	30.01	68	60	N., fresh.....	Clear.
9:00 p. m..	29.99	66	84	N., fresh.....	Fair.
10:18 p. m..	30.00	67	84	N., fresh.....	Fair.

Maximum thermometer, 69.
Minimum thermometer, 63.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.
CHICAGO, July 28—1 a. m.

Station.	Bar.	Thr	Wind.	Rain	Weather.
Breckenr'ge	30.08	60	S. E., fresh..	.....	Clear.
Cheyenne..	30.18	62	S. E., gentle.	.....	Fair.
Chicago....	30.00	67	E., fresh.....	.....	Fair.
Cincinnati..	30.00	66	N. E., fresh..	.45	Threatening
Cairo.....	29.95	70	N. E., fresh..	.....	Fair.
Cleveland..	29.92	64	N. E., gentle	.97	Light rain.
Davenport..	30.06	69	E., gentle....	.....	Fair.
Detroit.....	29.97	66	N. E., fresh..	.....	Cloudy.
Denver.....	30.16	71	S. W., gentle	.....	Cloudy.
Duluth.....	30.06	62	N., fresh.....	.....	Clear.
Escanaba....	30.08	61	N., fresh.....	.....	Fair.
Fort Gibson	29.82	86	Calm.....	.....	Fair.
Keokuk.....	30.03	72	N. E., fresh..	.05	Cloudy.
Leavens'th	29.96	76	N., fresh.....	.....	Fair.
LaCrosse...	30.06	69	N. W., gentle	.....	Fair.
Marquette..	30.13	53	S. E., gentle	.....	Clear.
Milwaukee..	30.06	65	N. E., fresh..	.....	Cloudy.
Omaha.....	30.05	66	Calm.....	.....	Clear.
Toledo.....	30.01	61	N., fresh.....	.....	Cloudy.
Yankton....	30.12	61	S. S., light..	.....	Clear.

A WASTE OF WATERS.

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tempting to rescue persons from a house on Chestnut street; body of a boy named Huber, who was visiting a family on O'Hara street.

Wood's Run, James Forden, wife and four children; John Gorman and three children.

At Saw-Mill Run, Castle Shannon District, Mrs. Ferguson and an old woman drowned; men in a buggy lost, unknown.

At Mansfield, child of Joseph Hoover, and child of George Albirtz; bodies recovered. Total: Butcher's Run District, 91; Wood's, 10; Saw-Mill, 5. Total, 106.

Thousands of persons were, and are still, engaged this afternoon in

SEARCHING THE RUINS FOR MISSING BODIES.

The most exaggerated statements are made as to the number lost. Our recapitalation, given above, shows the number of bodies so far recovered, but many known to be lost have not been found. Among these is that of a young man named William Robinson, who was drowned while going to the rescue of a family in Butcher's Run. He was in a skiff, and while in the act of pulling towards a house from which cries of distress came, his craft was struck by a mass of drift and sank almost immediately. The brave young man was carried down with the flood.

FROM THE CHARLIES VALLEY,

14 miles from this place, also comes news of fearful destruction. Eleven persons were drowned there. At McLaughlin's Run eleven persons were drowned, among them a whole family by the name of McCleat being swept away. A house belonging to a Mrs. Stratton, which had been standing a hundred years, was torn away, and, after being taken down the stream a mile and a half in the rushing waters, Mr. Stratton succeeded in making his escape. Vast quantities of property were destroyed, and during the flashes of vivid lightning horses and cattle and animals of all kinds could be seen floating on the torrent, and their bellowings of terror could be heard above the roar of the flood. The scene was beyond description. Fields where corn had been growing were this morning covered entirely over with gravel and stones to a depth of 4, 6, and 10 feet.

ON GEORGE'S RUN,

which empties into Saw-Mill Run, two persons are reported drowned. An old negro man, living on Painter's Run, was floated off in his shanty, and neither him nor it have been heard from. One body, that of a child, was reported at 10 o'clock to have been found on McLaughlin's Run.

ON PLUMMER'S RUN

a horse and buggy with two men are reported to have been seen in a very perilous position near its junction with Saw-Mill Run, and the horse and buggy this morning were found some distance below, the men, it is supposed, having been drowned.

The authorities of Allegheny City have

ASKED FOR AID IN SEARCHING THE RIVER,

and to-morrow volunteer parties will cart away the debris and endeavor to find the missing persons, while the Sixth Division of the National Guards, under Gen. Pearson, will do guard-duty. To-night a relief meeting was held in Allegheny City, at which $3,000 were subscribed to help the sufferers. Another meeting will be held in this city this noon. The approximated losses in this vicinity will not fall short of $5,000,000. All of to-night parties have worked in recovering bodies, and thus far no less than 163 have been found, and the loss of human life, it seems, will run over 200. A chaos more fearful than that presented at the ruins could not well be imagined.

[To the Associated Press.]

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 27.—The accounts of the terrible flood which has destroyed nearly all the suburban sections of this city, as they come in during the afternoon and evening, show that the disaster is far greater than at first supposed. It is now thought that the total loss of life will be not short of 200, and the loss of property is proportionate. The *Evening Chronicle*, in its 5 o'clock edition, placed the loss of life at 142, and names of missing parties are continually coming in. The extent of territory damaged is not less than 20 to 25 miles in diameter, and how the main portion of the City of Pittsburg, lying as it does in the centre of this circle, escaped without further injury, seems almost miraculous. A prevailing theory seems to be that the disaster was caused by

SOME KIND OF A WATER-SPOUT.

A gentleman who watched the storm from a few miles down the river, where there was but little rain, says that, by the fitful flashes of lightning, he could see a huge, inky-black, funnel-shaped cloud, which overhung the city, the narrow ends being the lowest, while the dark parts gave vent to an almost perpetual burst of lightning. It is almost impossible for any one not familiar with the geography of this locality to form an idea of this disaster, or how it could possibly have occurred. The main city of Pittsburg, as it rises gradually from the point formed by the junction of the two rivers, has many gulches in certain localities, which render a flood of this description liable to do great damage, and the part known as the Hill region is frequently liable to suffer from local inundations. The damage here, however, is this time light compared with other localities strictly suburban.

LATEST.

PITTSBURG, July 27.—Up to midnight very few particulars in addition to those sent previously have come. Nearly all the papers of the city have tried strenuously to arrive at an accurate list of all the killed, and estimate of the loss of property, but have been unsuccessful. The scattered position of the districts devastated by the floods, and the bewildered condition of the people in the places inundated render it impossible to give anything like accurate statements as to facts and figures. All reports as to losses are, therefore, to a great extent, simply estimates. The *Commercial* places the

LOSS OF LIVE

in the Butcher's Run and Allegheny City districts at 147, while the *Dispatch* only makes it 125. The most carefully prepared figures, however, give the total loss of life at 219. With regard to property, it is simply impossible to give an idea that can be considered reliable.

At a meeting of the citizens of Allegheny tonight, a number of leading citizens pledged themselves to raise $10,000 for the

IMMEDIATE RELIEF OF THE SUFFERERS,

and measures have been taken to have all the dead bodies in the ruins removed as soon as possible.

A meeting has been called by the Mayor of Pittsburg for to-morrow. It will likely be several days before accurate figures will be known concerning the entire result of the sad devastation.

AT THE WEST.

DUBUQUE, IA.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DUBUQUE, Ia., July 27.—News of the destruction caused by the great storm of Saturday morning is just coming in. The German, or rather Luxemburger, Catholic Church at Allison, about 30 miles from here, was struck by lightning on Saturday morning, and completely destroyed. The church was a new one, not quite finished, and was designed to be one of the finest in Iowa. The lightning struck the spire, and made splinters of it; demolished the heavy walls down to the window-bases, and made a complete ruin of the structure. The damage cannot be less than $15,000. The congregation have bravely made arrangements to rebuild. The damage to the Exposition building here will amount to about $400, and to the German Catholic school-house about $500. A brick church at Potosi, Wis., was leveled to the ground during Saturday night's storm. Loss about $4,000. Miles of fences were blown down throughout the country. At Manchester, Ia., several buildings were unroofed. No lives were lost by the gale.

SAUGATUCK, MICH.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SAUGATUCK, Mich., July 27.—A fearful tornado, accompanied by a deluge of rain, visited this vicinity early this morning. About 5 o'clock the wind and rain set in, and increased in volume till everything in the shape of trees, fences, and even houses fell before it. The storm continued for about an hour and a half, doing a vast amount of mischief, and causing a considerable loss of property. The track of the tornado was marked by destruction for about 12 miles in width, falling most heavily on this village and Douglas, right across the Kalamazoo River, nearly opposite Saugatuck. The Methodist Church in Douglas, nearly new, is damaged considerably by the wind moving the walls and by floods of water. A. B. Williams' handsome residence was unroofed and the entire mass hurled a distance of 15 rods. Other houses in Douglas suffered severely, while the saw mill of Williams & Dickey was badly injured. Fruit trees were blown down in many places, and the number of peach trees prostrated is very great. Many fine peach orchards were badly damaged all about here, the peaches being blown from the trees in great quantities. Lake street is almost impassable from the shade-trees blown across it. Much anxiety was felt for the safety of the sidewheal steamer Huron, that plies between here and Chicago, but, luckily, she took refuge in the harbor at South Haven and escaped. The warehouses in Douglas was blown down. John Ryan, of Douglas, lost about $500 in peach trees, and others lose equally. On the lake shore the trees are almost entirely swept away. Although it was Sunday, people everywhere went to work repairing farms and propping up trees. The damage to crops is immense; corn and oats are prostrated, and vessel-property considerably damaged. It is impossible to estimate the loss at present. Many telegraph-poles were knocked down.

EFFINGHAM, ILL.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

EFFINGHAM, Ill., July 27.—The most terrific hail and rain storm ever known here passed over the city last night at half-past 11 o'clock. The storm approached from the northwest, though when near the city the wind changed suddenly, coming directly from the north, and with such severity did it project the hail that not a single unprotected north window in the city of ordinary window-glass was found whole this morning. The Presbyterian church is partly unroofed and the north gable blown in, doing damage to the extent of $1,500. The splendid new Roman Catholic church sustained damages to the amount of $300, one of the pinacles of the tower being blown off. The storm covered a belt scarcely a mile wide, extending northeasterly, making mince-meat of the corn, cabbages, etc., in its path, and almost completely stripping the orchards of their fruits. The aggregate damages are incalculable.

WAYNE COUNTY, MICH.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

DETROIT, Mich., July 27.—A letter from the Township of Livonia, in Wayne County, reports that the total destruction of property in that neighborhood by the storm last Friday, in the shape of fences, buildings, and farm-crops, will amount to over $75,000.

JANESVILLE, WIS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JANESVILLE, Wis., July 27.—This vicinity was visited by the worst storm of the season on Sunday at 3 p. m. The rain fell in torrents with large hailstones. Reports from all parts of the country are to the effect that many outbuildings were destroyed, wind-mills blown down, and grain in the shock and in stack scattered in all directions. Blair's tobacco shed, 100 by 40 feet, was turned wrong side up, torn all to pieces, and the tobacco stored therein damaged. The lightning struck the house of Zachariah Snell, of this city, but did very little damage. George Terwilliger's house, near Afton, was blown to pieces, and the owner had his head bruised and arm broken. Further reports from the country will probably chronicle much damage.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 27.—Mrs. S. McFall, a widow lady living in the north part of the city, opposite Providence Hospital, was instantly killed by lightning in the storm of Sunday evening. Two of her children, who were in the lower part of the house, were stunned by the electricity, but sustained no serious injury.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

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